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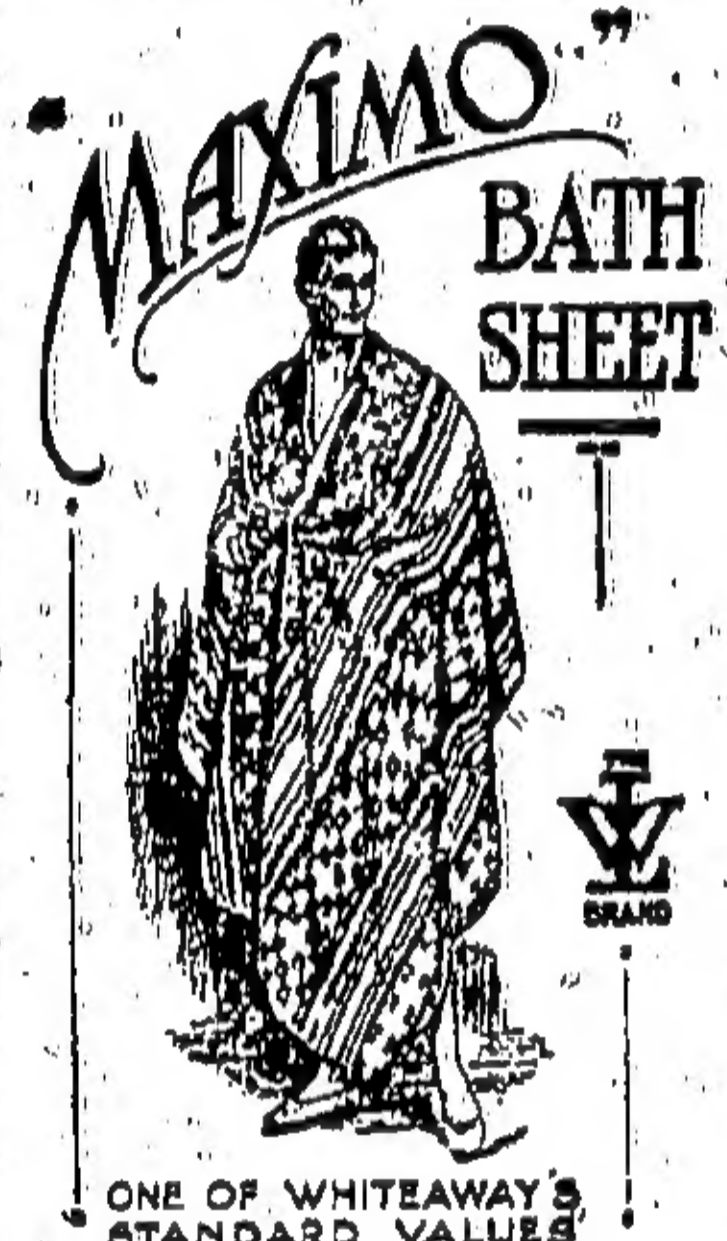
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NANKING SHELLING Japanese Consul Reported Killed. AMERICAN CASUALTIES

Many Foreigners Still In The City.

Further details have been received to-day of the shelling of Nanking and of the heroic rescue work of the British Navy. Latest reports are that, besides the killing of a British subject, and the wounding of the British Consul-General, the Japanese Consul has been killed, one British bluejacket has been killed, six Marines are missing and ten British subjects are still unaccounted for. The Americans are also reported to have suffered casualties and one hundred Americans are still in the city. The main feature of the disorder was that the Cantonese forces were completely out of control when they arrived in Nanking.

TROOPS RUN RIOT.

Japanese Consul Reported Killed.

The following wireless messages were received by the local naval authorities this morning:—
The general retreat of Northern troops from Nanking commenced on Wednesday night, massed troops endeavouring to cross the river and machine guns and bombs being used to keep Chinese transports clear until embarkation arrangements were organised.
Foreigners in Danger.

Foreigners inside Nanking city were concentrated in Nanking University in view of the grave situation but two small groups were isolated.
The Cantonese General Pei Chen-wei captured the city and allowed the Northern troops to cross the river.

A large fire started in Hsai-kwan (Nanking) at about 5 a.m. yesterday but was got under control by 8 a.m., by which time the advance guard of the Cantonese forces had arrived and rifle fire commenced from both sides of the river.

Northern troops were being rounded up at about 9 a.m.

Soviet Vessel Scuttled.

Chinese transports have left down-river and the Northern, before leaving, scuttled the Soviet vessel "Pamiat Lenina" which

\$160,000 GIFT.

Hospital Benefactor Remains Anonymous.

Rugby, March 24.

Prince Arthur of Connaught announced at the Middlesex Hospital to-day that an anonymous person had given £160,000 to the hospital towards providing a complete hostel and training school for nurses.—British Wireless Service.

They captured when they detained Mrs. Borodini who was on board.

In the forenoon, the British consulate at Nanking was attacked and looted.

Two ratings of small armed guard stationed there have reached H.M.S. "Emerald" and report that the British Consul has been wounded and Dr. Smith, a British subject, has been killed.

The remainder of the foreign residents were then making their way Standard Oil hill accompanied by a small American guard.

Later, Japanese Consul.

The Japanese Consul is reported to have been killed.

The main feature of the disorder was that the Cantonese forces were completely out of control at the time of their arrival in Nanking.

The Consulate was attacked by a crowd of undisciplined soldiers who are reported to have been Cantonese.

British hulks have been abandoned and the evacuation of women and children is proceeding as fast as possible.

H.M.S. "Wolsey" was sent to the scene from Wuhu and assisted in the evacuation from the International Export Company.

Complete evacuation of this building will probably be necessary, the situation is so critical.

H.M.S. "Caradoc" is also reported to have been sent to the spot.

Naval Vessels Open Fire.

The third wireless message states: "Foreigners have evacuated Nanking, after covering fire

was opened from naval vessels over an area not inhabited by civil population.

The Southern General sent a deputation on board H.M.S. "Emerald" and they were told that the following terms were demanded: (1) Immediate enforcement of an order for the protection of foreigners.

(2) That an escort of the "best" Chinese troops should be provided to assist the remaining foreigners to evacuate.

According to a Reuter message, no reply had been received to these demands up to early this morning.

Killed and Missing.

The approximate number of British residents still unaccounted for in the city is ten.

Six Marines are missing. One A.B. is reported killed.

It is reported that there are still 100 Americans still unaccounted for in the city.

Destroyers assisted in the evacuation of the foreign residents that are accounted for.

Naval parties were then landed from British and American vessels and assisted in their rescue.

H.M.S. "Cricket" is on its way to Nanking with a merchant convoy.

HEROIC EFFORTS.

Sailors Under Cantonese Fire.

Shanghai, March 25.

The latest messages from Nanking state that naval rescuers approached the hill under renewed fire from the Cantonese resulting in further foreign casualties, including some Americans.

Ultimately, however, as the result of this heroic effort, the remaining foreigners were evacuated.

Dr. Satchwell Smith, who was killed, had resided at Nanking for sixteen years. He was a native of Birmingham. His wife was among the refugees arriving to-day.

Mr. Giles is now reported to have been severely wounded.

There are probably other British Casualties.—Reuter.

Women and Children.

Rugby, March 24.

At Nanking, which was occupied by the Cantonese troops this morning, a tense situation exists. According to a Press message a tiny band of foreigners concentrated on a hill were shelled by Cantonese irregulars.

British and American warships put up a barrage of shell fire around the hill, and despatched landing parties, who effected the evacuation of the foreigners, though it is stated that the latter suffered some casualties.

Official information would make it appear that these foreigners could have included a few women or children.

A number of foreign women and children had already left Nanking before the Cantonese occupation, and with the exception of a few who remained in the native city the rest had been concentrated in a building on the bank where protection could be afforded.—British Wireless Service.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

First Reports of Nanking Shelling.

Shanghai, March 24.

According to a wireless message from Nanking, Chinese

AMERICA'S ANXIETY

Three More Cruisers For Shanghai.

NON-BRITISH THANK BRITAIN!

Washington, March 24.

At the request of Rear-Admiral Williams the light cruisers "Richmond," "Marblehead" and "Cincinnati" have been ordered to Shanghai immediately from Honolulu.—Reuter's American Service.

[An earlier message stated that the U.S. destroyers "Phillsbury," "Ford" and "Perry" have been ordered to Shanghai immediately.]

SAVING SHANGHAI.

Non-British Residents Thank Britain.

Shanghai, March 25.

Non-British foreigners at Shanghai are widely signing a message to the British Government stating that if the British troops had not arrived when they

CAPTAIN MACKINTOSH.

Alive and Well In England.

Captain Mackintosh, who was reported yesterday, in the course of our report of the Bias Bay expedition to have died at Shanghai as the result of injuries received in the "Tung Chow" to state to-day, alive and well in England, whether he went after his leg had been amputated below the knee. The operation proved completely successful, and Captain Mackintosh has since been married. The "China Mail" regrets that it should have published yesterday a report of his death, which it is only fair to add emanated from an official source.

did, the women and children would have had to be evacuated and the Settlement would probably have shared the fate of Hankow and Kiukiang.

The message expresses appreciation to the Government for prompt and adequate measures for the defence of Shanghai. Many Americans have signed the message, including Mr. Fessenden, the American Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council.—Reuter.

Official Attitude.

Washington, March 24.

The failure by the American Consul-General at Shanghai to participate in discussions with

Pai Chung-hai is not construed as indicating American unwillingness to deal with the de facto authorities.

It is recalled that on the contrary Mr. Kellogg some weeks ago proposed the elimination of Shanghai from the zone of hostilities, but the warring leaders did not respond.—Reuter's American Service.

troops, believed to be Cantonese irregulars, shelled the hill near the north gate of the city where the foreigners are concentrated, killing a Briton, Doctor Smith, and wounding H.B.M.'s Consul, Mr. Giles, and another Briton.

H.M.S. "Emerald" and the U.S. destroyers "Noa" and "Preston" shelled the area around the hill to permit of its evacuation after which the vessels landed armed parties.

Further wireless reports state that another Briton was wounded.

British Consulate Looted.

Undisciplined Cantonese troops looted the city. The British Consulate was looted and the American Consul and his staff evacuated the U.S. Consulate, taking refuge on the hill.

Later, A number of Americans also were killed at Nanking by the shelling and some were wounded.—Reuter.

Mr. Bertram Giles is one of the best known of H.B.M. Consuls in China. He was born in Hankow, son of Prof. H. A. Giles. He came out again from home as student interpreter in 1895 and has served at a number of ports. In 1924 he was Consul-General at Canton.

FRESH DANGER.

Women and Children Leave Hankow.

CHANGSHA FRACAS.

Wuhu Plastered With Anti-British Posters.

Owing to the situation at Hankow, the women and children are again leaving that port. There has been a slight fracas at Changsha in which a British sailor has been injured. The whole town at Wuhu is plastered with anti-British posters.

The following wireless messages were received by the local naval authorities this morning:—
Women and children are being evacuated from Hankow.
Troops are proceeding down-river.

The situation is unchanged but there are rumours of an organisation forcing the issue.

The whole town at Wuhu is plastered with anti-British posters but otherwise there is no change to record.

A slight fracas occurred on Wednesday night at Changsha between natives and men from H.M.S. "Woodcock" as a result of which one of the Bluejackets received a slight head injury.

The situation at Chungking remains the same.

The Commissioner for Foreign Affairs has left Hankow.

SHANGHAI CALMER.

Nationalist General Promises Order.

Rugby, March 24.

Asked about negotiations between the Nationalist commander in Shanghai and the British authorities, Sir Austen Chamberlain, British Foreign Secretary, stated in Parliament that the British Consul-General, with his Japanese and French colleagues, the Commissioner of Customs and the Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, met the Nationalist general yesterday morning and urged him to control the irregulars and to stop sniping which had already caused casualties to foreign forces.

The Nationalist commander, whose attitude was moderate and reasonable, said he assumed responsibility for the maintenance of order, and was taking steps for the examination of unauthorised bodies functioning in the name of the Nationalist Government. He hoped the strike would be called off to-day.

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STOP PRESS.

NANKING SHELLING.

Shanghai, March 25.

The situation at Nanking is still obscure.

Last night's reports that some of the landing party were killed have not been confirmed although one Able Seaman, of H.M.S. "Emerald" was killed on board by a shot from the shore from which the ships are constantly being fired at.

The landing party reached the hill mentioned, which is known as Socory Hill, without opposition and was able to evacuate 31 foreigners but there are still some unaccounted for, viz.

Seventeen British subjects (including the wounded Consul and six Marines).

Also 150 Americans, comprising 80 men and 60 women and children.

The naval authorities requested the Southern Commander to issue immediate orders for the protection of those remaining foreigners and the provision of an escort of the rival Chinese forces to assist in the evacuation but no satisfactory reply has been received up to early this morning.

In this connection, it may be mentioned that Chang Kai-shek at Wuhu promised a few days ago to ensure the safety of lives and property of foreigners in Nanking.—Reuter.

Nothing has been received from the naval wireless to bear out the local Kuomintang reports of 2,000 Chinese casualties. As a matter of fact, the firing was directed mainly behind the hill which is uninhabited, the idea being to provide a curtain fire between the forces outside the city who were shelling the hill and the foreigners to permit the evacuation of the latter.—Reuter.

reported that the attitude of irregulars and armed labourers, led by Communist agitators, was still uncertain, but order prevailed in the Settlement.—British Wireless Service.

Business Being Resumed.

Rugby, March 24.

Press telegrams to-day state that the efforts of General Pai Chung-hai, the Nationalist Commander, to restore order have met with success.

Complying with his demand, the general strike has been called off, while business is being generally resumed, except in the devastated Chapai district.

Omnibuses are running and it is stated that the tramway services will be restored this evening.—British Wireless Service.

TROOPS AND CHINA.

British War Secretary's Statement.

London, March 24.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. H. Day (Labour) as to whether it was at present intended to send any further British troops to Shanghai, Sir L. Worthington-Evans, Secretary for War, said the First Devons were at present going to Shanghai from Hong Kong. He was unable to forecast what other changes it might be found necessary to make in the composition of the force at Shanghai.

Hankow Papers' Troubles.

Replying to Mr. H. W. Looker (Conservative), Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, said he had received a report from Hankow that the "Central China Post," also the American owned paper, the "Hankow Herald," had been compelled to close down owing to the whole of their staffs being forced to strike. He did not

know.

TONG WAR.

Flare Up After 2-Years' Truce.

New York, March 24.

Deadly warfare between Chinese troops flared up to-day on the expiration of the two years' truce between the Hip Sing and On Leong Tong.

Five Chinese are reported to have been killed and three wounded.—Reuter's American Service.

doubt that His Majesty's representative there would make every proper endeavour to secure protection for this interest.—Reuter.

RECOGNITION.

Questions In House of Commons.

London, March 24.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. J. Beckett (Labour) who asked whether, in view of the position at Shanghai, the Government proposed to extend full diplomatic recognition to the Nationalist Government, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, Prime Minister, pointed out that the Government was continuing to maintain contact with the Nationalist authorities at Hankow through a member of Sir Miles Lampson's diplomatic staff who had been detached for residence at Hankow for that purpose.

As regards the future His Majesty's Government would be guided by circumstances. He was unable to forecast what modification, if any, of their attitude might be rendered necessary by present or future developments.—Reuter.

NANKING'S CAPTURE.

Victory Due to Yet Another "Arrangement"?

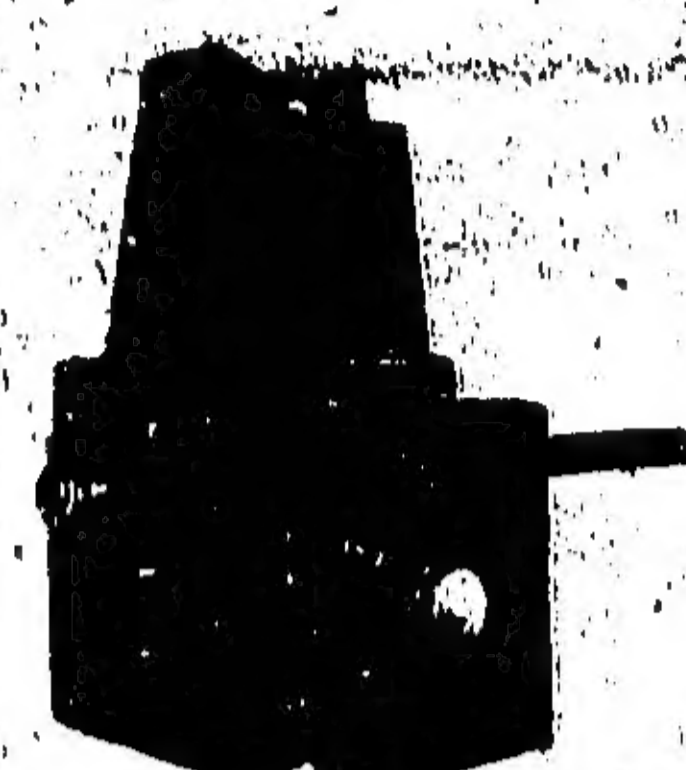
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Hong Kong, 22nd March, 1927.

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Hong Kong, 22nd March, 1927.

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TUESDAY, the 29th March, 1927
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Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, 23rd March, 1927.

THE Undersigned have received
instructions from Mr. D. M.
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Hong Kong, 24th March, 1927.

NOTICES.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the FORTY-SECOND
ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING of the COMPANY
(since its registration) will be held
at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong
Kong, on SATURDAY, the 26th
March, 1927, at 11 a.m. for the
purpose of receiving the Report of
the General Managers, together
with a Statement of Accounts for
the year ended 31st October, 1926.

The REGISTER of SHARES of
the Company will be CLOSED from
FRIDAY, the 18th day of March,
to MONDAY, the 28th day of
March, 1927, both days inclusive,
during which period no transfer of
shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 14th March, 1927.

THE DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD STORAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the THIRTY-FIRST
ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING
of the SHAREHOLDERS in the
Company will be held at the Com-
pany's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert
Road, on SATURDAY, 26th
MARCH, 1927, at Noon, for the
purpose of receiving a Report of
the Directors, together with State-
ment of Accounts, declaring a
Dividend and re-electing Directors
and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from the
17th to the 26th MARCH, 1927,
both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary.
Hong Kong, 10th March, 1927.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE 88TH ORDINARY ANNUAL
MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS in the above Company
will be held at the Offices of the
Company, St. George's Building,
Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong,
on WEDNESDAY, the 30th day of
March, 1927, at 11 o'clock in the
forenoon for the purpose of re-
ceiving a Statement of Accounts
and the report of the Directors for
the year ended 31st December,
1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from
TUESDAY, the 22nd March, 1927,
until WEDNESDAY, the 30th
March, 1927, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 17th March, 1927.

NOTICES.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE
MEETING will be held (wea-
ther permitting) at Happy Valley
on SATURDAY, 26th March, 1927,
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Linstead & Davis at \$5 each up to
FRIDAY, 25th March, 1927.

The charge for admission for
Ladies to the Members' Enclosure
will be \$2.—Each member can
obtain, upon application to the
Secretary, Badges for admission of
2 Ladies free of charge.
Hong Kong, 21st March, 1927.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSUR- ANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-EIGHTH ORDIN-
ARY GENERAL MEETING of the
SHAREHOLDERS will be held at
the Offices of the undersigned on
MONDAY, the 28th March, 1927, at
Noon, for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the General Managers,
together with a Statement of Ac-
counts for the year ended the 31st
December, 1926.

The SHARE REGISTER and
TRANSFER BOOKS will be
CLOSED from the 14th to the 28th
March, 1927, both days inclusive.

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Hong Kong, 7th March, 1927.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the ORDINARY YEAR-
LY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS
will be held in the Office of the
Company, 2, Queen's Buildings,
Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, 29th
March, 1927, at Noon, for considera-
tion of the Directors' Report and
Statement of Accounts for the
year ending 31st December, 1926.

The SHARE REGISTER and
TRANSFER BOOKS will be
CLOSED from the 23rd to the 29th
March, 1927 (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of
Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 16th March, 1927.

NOTICES.

NOTICE.

WE beg to inform the public
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Woo Fak Fong, and we shall not be
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WEDNESDAY, the Thirtieth day
of March, 1927, at 2.30 o'clock in
the afternoon when the proposed
Resolution will be proposed as an
Extraordinary Resolution, viz:—

"That the regulations contain-
ed in the printed document
submitted to the Meeting and for
the purpose of identification sub-
scribed by the Chairman, thereof
be approved and adopted as the
"Articles of Association of the
Company in substitution for and
to the exclusion of all existing
"Articles thereof."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO
GIVEN that a further EXTRA-
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
of the Compa. will be held at the
same place on THURSDAY, the
Twenty-first day of April, 1927, at
11.30 o'clock in the forenoon for the
purpose of receiving a report of the
proceedings of the above mentioned
meeting and of confirming, if
thought fit, as a Special Resolution
the above mentioned Resolution.

A copy of the proposed new
Articles of Association of the Com-
pany with the alterations, amend-
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existing and new Articles incor-
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can be seen during usual business
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the Company aforesaid.

Dated the 12th day of March,
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SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

NOTICES.

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Exmo. Sr. Dr. JOSE CAETANO
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O Secretário,

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Hong Kong, 22 de Março de 1927

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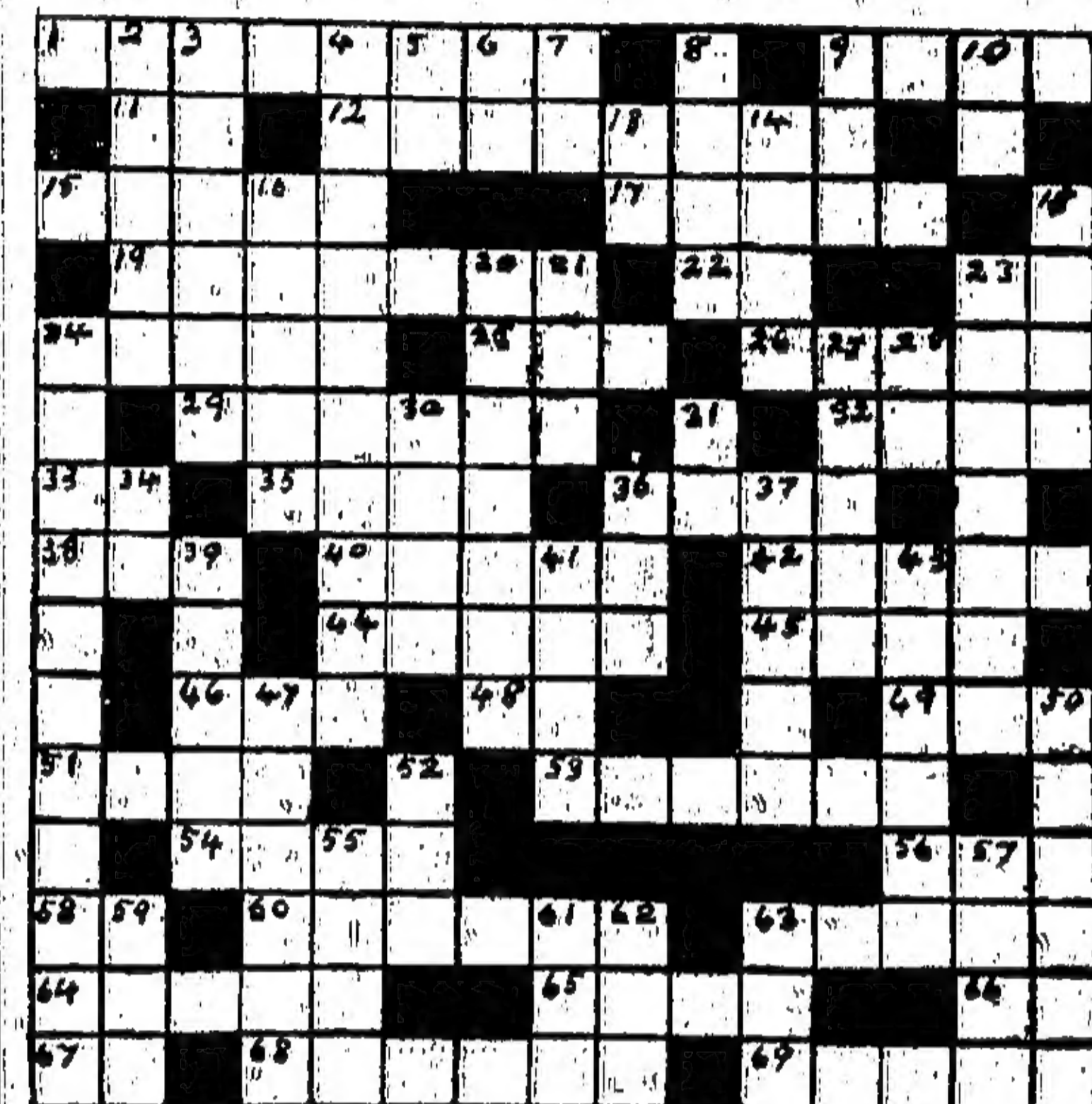
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Name.....

Address.....

[Please Write in Block Letters.]

CLOSING DATE FOR COUPONS, MONDAY, MAR. 28.

[Coupons received at the "China Mail" Office after mid-day on Monday will not be included in the competition.]

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| <p>Clues Across.</p> <p>1. A long picture or writing in silk, that rolls up (Jap).
9. To grasp.
11. Prefix meaning "twice" or "double."
12. Magazine for military stores.
15. Fierce.
17. Sombre guano.
19. Bent down.
22. Exclamation of joy.
23. To proceed.
24. A large watery fruit.
25. A point.
26. Solis.
29. The right of first choice belong- ing to the eldest.
32. Lengthens.
33. Sixth note in scale.
35. A peer of the realm.
36. A tap for liquor.
38. Printer's measure (plural).
40. To form as an orb.
42. To stir up.
44. A genus of moths.
45. An eagle's nest.
46. A period of years.
48. Electro-Plate (abbrev).
49. The yarn for a weaver's warp.
51. To cry like an owl.
53. Sombre.
54. Prescribed foodstuff.
56. ISN (actual).
58. IA (actual).
60. To crowd.
63. One of the irregular Turkish cavalry.
64. Trable reed musical instruments.
65. A Greek spoutless vase or jug.
66. We.
67. NA (actual).
68. Heavily built.
69. An inlet of the sea.</p> | <p>Clues Down.</p> <p>2. Ill use.
3. An upper garment.
4. A salad dressing.
5. Alternative.
6. NS (actual).
7. OE (actual).
8. To mix small.
9. HST (actual).
10. Number abbreviated.
13. Word of denial.
14. A limestone.
16. Unbound.
18. To sting heedlessly.
20. To confine.
21. A maid employed in a dairy.
23. GREASYB (actual).
24. A wrong doing.
27. A country bumpkin (then reverse it).
28. United Kingdom (abbrev).
30. The eagle.
31. To perform any action.
34. First pers. sing. of verb "To Be".
36. A chin silk.
37. The wing case of a beetle.
41. Tars open.
43. The muse of astronomy.
47. Severe spasmodic pains in the intestines.
50. To send away.
52. Consumed.
55. First.
57. To close.
59. A camel's hair garment.
61. A tooth on a wheel.
62. A town in Cambridgeshire.
68. SEP (actual).</p> |
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Competitors are reminded that the prize is to be awarded for the correct solution, or if nobody succeeds in getting the correct solution, for the NEAREST correct solution. Therefore, even if you have not done the cross-word puzzle in full, send in what you have done—it may prove to be the nearest correct solution.

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These vessels will be completed at the
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Agent before March 28 or they will
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This appears to be a very small
shoal head which has been missed
by the dredger, and it was apparent-
ly the patch on which the B.I.
steamer, "Ekma" grounded on
March 7.

Action is being taken in the
matter.
The master of the "Van Heutz"
reports on March 10 having passed
a Chinese junk abandoned in a po-
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RAID ON PIRATES.

In an historic statement made
by Mr. Eugene Chen in Septem-
ber last it was announced with all
the solemnity of Canton com-
munications that after the termina-
tion of the boycott the Canton
Government would proceed with a
policy having as its object the
suppression of piracy with or
without British co-operation. Six
months ought to be a reasonable
period for any serious-minded
Government to prove its sincerity.
But piracy, so far from being
suppressed by those whose duty
it has been increasing to an
alarming extent.

It has been obvious for some
time that if the Canton Govern-
ment did not act in the desired
direction something drastic would
have to be attempted by the na-
tion whose trade is most affected
by piracy. British tolerance has
not only been exemplary, but it
has been really remarkable. But
there is a limit to British patience
—hence the naval expedition to
Bias Bay on Wednesday when
hamlets inhabited by pirates and
their families were reduced to
ashes. This action ought to be a
greater object lesson to the pirate
gangs than all the talk emanat-
ing from Canton about initiat-
ing an anti-piracy campaign with
or without British co-operation.
Nor is it enough for Mr. Eugene
Chen to declare "that the best
means of dealing with the evil is
for the British to station a war-
ship in the neighbourhood of Bias
Bay for the purpose of intercept-
ing pirate craft returning with
their booty. Obviously such a
procedure ought to have been car-
ried through by the Canton Gov-
ernment months and months ago.
Bias Bay has been notorious as
the haunt of the pirates. Every
ship pirated during the last
couple of years, to go no further
back—has been taken to Bias Bay
where the pirates have gone ashore
in sampans with their booty
and then signalled to the
victimised steamers to proceed on
their voyage. The raid carried
out by the British Navy this

week could have been conducted
with equally successful results
long ago by the Cantonese authori-
ties. Both from land and sea
they could have made Bias Bay
untenable for the pirates, and,
moreover, held the elders of the
villages there directly responsible
for any recurrence of outrages
directed from this centre.

In the face of Canton's supine-
ness the British Naval raid was
inevitable, particularly in view of
the increasing number of piracies
of British vessels. Moreover, of
late this territory has been a sort
of "No Man's Land," controlled
by a Chinese General who acknow-
ledged neither Canton nor Peking.
As a political opponent—and no-
thing more—action was taken by
the Canton Government, with the
result that the General in ques-
tion fled to Shanghai. His flight
ought to have provided the Can-
ton Government with a golden op-
portunity to go a step further
either by sending troops to the
pirates' villages or by stationing
sufficient forces on the spot to in-
tercept pirates returning with
their loot. But nothing was at-
tempted and nothing was done,
and the territory has remained
more of a "No Man's Land" than
ever before.

In these circumstances it was
not only a duty but a right on the
part of the British authorities to
seek to suppress piracy on Bri-
tish ships by sending an expedi-
tion to Bias Bay. "In accomplish-
ing this task so thoroughly they
are to be highly commended not
alone by shipping interests on the
China coast but by the Canton
Government as well."

THEFTS ON WARSHIP.

NEW WIRING STOLEN FROM "BLUEBELL"

H.M.S. "Bluebell" which had
been undergoing a general over-
haul at Talkoo Dock was early
this week tied up alongside the
seawall at the dock to be fitted
with new electric wiring prior to
returning to the naval anchorage.
Thieves got busy on board during
the past few days removing the
new wires "as quick as the dock
labourers were able to put them
in place."

Strict watch was kept yester-
day and a coolie was arrested by
a Chinese watchman. He was in
one of the cabins in the act of
"stuffing" several lengths of wire
under his girdle. Handed over to
the police, he was searched and
two knives found on his person.
In Mr. R. E. Lindsay's court
this morning he was sentenced to
six weeks' hard labour.

THEFTS FROM POWELL'S.

EX-EMPLOYEE SENT TO PRISON

The ex-employee of Messrs.
Powell's was this morning senten-
ced by Major Wilson to three months
hard labour on each of two charges
of larceny, the sentences to run
consecutively.

The first charge related to the
goods seized during the police raid
at Messrs. Sassoon's servants
quarters and the other property
recovered from various persons
with tickets found on accused
person after his arrest.

H.K.V.D.C.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS FOR THE WEEK.

CHANGES IN STRENGTH.

Orders for the week issued
to-day for the Hong Kong Volun-
teer Defence Corps read:—

Recruits Parade.

On Tuesday all recruits parade
at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.
Dress: Uniform optional, belt,
rifle and bayonet.

Lectures.

On Friday, April 1, at Headquar-
ters at 5.30 p.m. Lecture on street
fighting will be given by the Adj-
utant. As many members of all
ranks and from all units as possible
should attend.

On Friday, April 22, at Headquar-
ters at 5.30 p.m. A lecture on
Aerial Survey will be given by O.C.
Military Survey Section, Royal En-
gineers.

All ranks are invited to be pre-
sent.

Signal Class.

Signal Class will be held at Head-
quarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday,
under 2/Lt. M. G. Noll.

Infantry Company.

Musketry Part I. will be fired by
the Company this Sunday at Stone-
cutters and Peak Ranges.

Stonecutters Range: Launch will
leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and
call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.
Range Officer: Lieut. E. J. R.
Mitchell.

Peak Range: Firing will com-
mence at 9.20 a.m. last tramp up
9 a.m. Range Officer: 2/Lieut. H.
Owen Hughes.

Dress for both Ranges: Mufti or
uniform optional but belts, braces
and pouches must be taken in addi-
tion to rifle and bayonet.

Arms can still be drawn from
Headquarters, to-morrow, between
9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Mounted Infantry Co.

Monday: Parade at Kennedy
Road range at 5.30 p.m. Musketry
practice for those firing in Corps
competitions.

Thursday: 5.30 p.m. mounted
parade at stables for all members,
whether they have ponies or not.

Armoured Car Co.

Musketry: In connection with the
firing of Part I. on Sunday, April 8,
the following parades will be
held:—

Monday, 5.30 p.m. at Headquar-
ters and Thursday, 5.30 p.m. at
Kennedy Road range. Men who
have failed to pass Part I. and all
recruits must attend these parades
in order to qualify for the open
range practice. All members must
draw their own rifles for these
parades.

Machine Gunners: Machine Gun
class will be held on Mondays and
Thursdays of every week through-
out the summer, commencing next
Monday at 5.30 p.m. at Headquar-
ters.

All gunners who have passed
Part I. Musketry should attend so
that classes can be arranged, ac-
cording to the proficiency of the
various members.

All N.C.O.'s are specially requir-
ed to attend so that they will be
in a position to instruct their men
and new members. Those prepared
to attend should send in their
names to C.S.M. A. C. Groves, c/o
H.K. & S. Bank.

Wednesday, March 30: Parades at
Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. Special
class of Machine Gun instruction
under 2/Lieut. J. E. Hancock for
all members of the Mobile Column,
Armoured Car Company. A good
attendance is specially requested.

M.I. & A.C. Co's

Musketry Part I. will be fired at
Stonecutters range on Sunday,
April 8. Range Officer: 2/Lieut.
H. C. Machamara.

As this is the last Sunday
allotted to these Companies for
Part I., all those who have not fired
must endeavour to attend.

Launch will leave Murray Pier
at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier
at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or mufti optional
but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces
and belts must be taken. Part I.
Course must be fired in drill order
whether over uniform or mufti.

Arms may be drawn from Head-
quarters on Friday, April 1, be-
tween 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and
4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m.; and on
Saturday, April 2, between 9 a.m.
and 1 p.m.

Scottish Company.

Thursday, at 5.30 p.m.:—
No. 5 (Talkoo Platoon) parade at
Talkoo for musketry.

No. 6 (Kowloon Platoon) parade
at Kowloon Docks for musketry.

No. 7 (City Platoon) parade at
Headquarters for Vickers gun.

Dress for all platoons Mufti, rifle
and bayonet.

Strength.

The following recruits are taken
on the strength and posted as
under:—

Mr. C. P. Anderson: Artillery
Co. Pte. W. D. Russell: 32nd Coy.
Pte. A. Garcia: 32nd Coy. Pte.
M. G. Mills: A.C. Co. Mr. G.
Fairman: Artillery Co.

Transfers:
Pte. E. Macintosh is transferred
from Mounted Infantry Co. to
Armoured Car Co.

Pte. W. D. Russell is transferred
from 32nd Coy. to 32nd Coy.
Pte. A. Garcia is transferred
from 32nd Coy. to 32nd Coy.

Pte. M. G. Mills is transferred
from A.C. Co. to A.C. Co.
Mr. G. Fairman is transferred
from Artillery Co. to Artillery Co.

Programme for the annual rifle
meeting are now ready and can be
obtained on application to the Of-
ficer in Charge, H.K.V.D.C.

HOTEL BILL.

CHARGE AGAINST FOREIGN VISITOR.

GIVING FALSE NAME.

Described as an engineer,
Ferdinand Hauschild was charged
before Mr. R. E. Lindsay this
morning with having obtained
boarding at the Palace Hotel
knowing that he had no means of
paying for same; and with giving
false information to the Hotel
management by registering under
the name of F. Hoffmann.

Accused admitted he could not
pay his bill at the present mo-
ment, but said he could get money
in any case he had told the
hotel manager that his luggage
could be auctioned and money
realized to meet his bill. With re-
gard to giving a false name, he
said he was called Hoffmann, and
as he had no intention of staying
long in Hong Kong so he "just let
it go at that." He had no fraudu-
lent intention, however.

Acting Sub-Inspector Elston
said accused arrived from Tien-
tsin on Feb. 23, stopped one night
at the King Edward Hotel under
his proper name, and went over
to the Palace the following day.

His Worship decided to hear
evidence.

Mr. C. Earnshaw, manager of
the Palace Hotel, said that be-
tween 8 and 9 o'clock on the even-
ing of March 1 he was in the com-
pany of the assistant manager of
the Kowloon Hotel who intro-
duced him to witness in the name
of Hoffmann. Accused slept in
the hotel that night and signed
the register on the following
morning in that same name. Ac-
cused lived in the hotel until
March 19 and ran up an account
to the amount of \$217.85, includ-
ing bar chits amounting to
\$132.85. Accused's luggage con-
sisted of a large trunk and a suit-
case. During his stay at the
hotel, in conversation with wit-
ness, accused said he was an elec-
trical engineer with a large busi-
ness in North China where he em-
ployed 17 foreigners and Chinese.

Accused said he could always get
lots of money, and told witness he
should not worry about the bill.
On the night of March 18 accused
disappeared, leaving his luggage
behind. The trunk and suitcase
contained some clothing and
Japanese curios which would not
fetch more than \$50.

Accused admitted everything
except that he did not hear him-
self being introduced as Hoff-
mann. The first time he was
called by that name was in the
bar.

The hotel register was produced
in which accused signed himself
as F. Hoffmann. In the hotel's
guest list he put himself down as
having arrived from Kobe, Japan,
birthplace Bohemia, nationality
Austrian.

Acting Sub-Inspector Elston
said he saw accused at 1 p.m. yester-
day in Ice House Street. He
was in the custody of Detective
Sergeant Baker who arrested him
in the Hotel Savoy.

At witness's request accused
produced his passport issued by
the Czechoslovakian Consul at
Peking. Accused's name was
given here as Ferdinand Haus-
child, born at Dux, Austria. Wit-
ness said this town was now part
of Czechoslovakia and is now
known as Dekov. When searched
accused had four pawntickets and
only 30 cents in his pocket. Ac-
cused admitted to witness he had
no employment but said he could
get money from Tientsin.

The witness added that after
leaving the Palace accused went to
Canton for one night and then re-
turned and went to live in a Chi-
nese house in Yaumati.

Accused told the Magistrate
that he did not have any inten-
tion to defraud the hotel and had
left his luggage behind as accu-
sity. His property had originally
cost him \$800 and he was sure it
would be worth at least \$200
here.

The Magistrate remanded ac-
cused in police custody until to-
morrow morning and ordered Ac-
ting Sub-Inspector Elston to have
accused's property properly
valued.

Pte. S. H. Garrod, No. 7 Platoon,
from April 1, to March 31, 1928.
Pte. C. R. M. Young, Reserve Coy.,
from March 19 to March 18, 1928.
Cpl. W. M. Lyons, M.I. Co., sick
leave from March 21, till further
notice.

Resignation:
Spr. A. Gray, Engineer Co., is
permitted to resign on leaving the
Colony.

Rifle Meeting:
In the possibility of a program of
rifle meeting under the direction of
Mr. W. D. Russell, the words "and A.C.
Section."

The Mounted Infantry Co. is
now being reformed. Right Sub-
section, Machine Gunners, Left Sub-
section, and Mobile Column, and
Drivers will compete as four
separate units.

Programme for the annual rifle
meeting are now ready and can be
obtained on application to the Of-
ficer in Charge, H.K.V.D.C.

THE K.O.S.B.

NOT LEAVING FOR SHANGHAI.

RUMOUR DENIED.

Rumours were current in the
town to-day that the 2nd K.O.S.B.'s
would be leaving Hong Kong for
Shanghai to-morrow.

On enquiry at Military Head-
quarters the "China Mail" was in-
formed that this was not correct.

Flotilla Arrives.
The 3rd Destroyer Flotilla, de-
tached from the Atlantic Fleet,
arrived in Hong Kong yesterday
shortly after 6 p.m.

The Flotilla comprises:
H.M.S. "Bruce," Flotilla Leader
of 1,800 tons, carrying five 4.7 guns
and three anti-aircraft guns. Com-
manded by Lt. Comdr. J. P. White,
D.S.C.

H.M.S. "Sepoy" (Lt. Comdr. A. L.
Pearce).

H.M.S. "Seraph" (Lt. Comdr.
G. M. Crockett).

H.M.S. "Serapis" (Comdr. L. D'O.
Bignell).

H.M.S. "Sirdar" (Lt. Comdr.
C. G. N. Graham).

H.M.S. "Somme" (Lt. Comdr.
F. S. W. de Winton).

H.M.S. "Sterling" (Lt. Comdr.
S. H. T. Arliss).

H.M.S. "Stormcloud" (Lt. Comdr.
P. H. G. James).

H.M.S. "Thracian" (Lt. Comdr. R.
Nash, D.S.C.).

All the above seven destroyers are
of 1,075 tons and carry three
4-inch guns.

Capt. M. R. J. Maxwell Scott,
D.S.O., who was recently on the
West River, is in command of the
Flotilla. Comdr. P. R. P.
Percival and H. E. Shepp will lead
the two divisions.

LOCAL PROBATE.

FORMER CUSTOMS OFFICIAL'S WILL.

OVER \$42,000 LEFT.

Re-reading of probate in respect
of the will of James Russell Brazier
has been granted in the Supreme
Court to Mr. W. E. L. Shenton.
Deceased who was formerly a Com-
missioner in the Customs Service,
died on March 7, 1926, at the age
of 68.

He left net estate in Hong Kong
of \$8,400 and in the United King-
dom of \$41,706. He directed his
executors to pay for six months
after his death the following
legacies, free of duty:

To his sister, Jane Matland
Brazier, £1,000.

His brother, Henry Woodham
Brazier, £1,000.

His executor, Patrick Cooper,
£500.

David William Tanqueray, of
Fettes College, Edinburgh, £250.

He also left legacies of £100
each to the following god children
or name children:

Winifred Adelaide Taylor (now
Contessa Terri), daughter of
Francis Edward Taylor, a Com-
missioner of Chinese Customs.

Violet Tours, daughter of Ber-
thold George Tours, British Con-
sul in China.

Helen Hole Strong, daughter of
Carl Hole Strong, of Epsom.

James Alexander Barclay Barton,
son of Sydney Barton, of the Bri-
tish Legation, Peking.

Barbara Mary Kent, daughter of
Percy Horace Kent, barrister of
Tientsin.

John Russell Cooper, son of one
of the executors, and
Aline Joyce Walsham, daughter
of Percy Romilly Walsham, deputy
Commissioner of Chinese Customs.

FAMILY SQUABBLE.

STEP-SON CHARGED WITH ASSAULT.

When a Chinese was this morn-
ing charged before Mr. Lindsay
with assaulting a woman he ad-
mitted the charge saying "she is
my step-mother."

FRESH DANGER.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Southern victory at Nanking, in view of the thousands of Northern troops who have been pouring in for weeks past, estimated to total 100,000.

Most of the foreign naval and military experts had been of opinion that the city could hold out indefinitely, but yesterday the Northerners began a big exodus back across the river before the Southerners entered. This is regarded as significant. The explanation is that the surrender is the result of an "arrangement" between Chang Kai-shek and Chang Tsung-chang.

Places in Flames.

The blaze of fires which marks the retreat of all Chinese armies lit the sky last night, and this morning the Southerners entered the city.

The Northerners' flight across the river is described as most hurried and very disorderly. Commanding all the available craft, they fled across the mile wide and swift-flowing river. Looking accompanied the retreat, although it was limited by haste.

A Brutal Regime.

Foreigners who left Nanking prior to its fall describe the Shantung occupation as brutal in the extreme, with constant looting and raping. The foreigners still in the city are concentrated in one spot for protection, and H.M.S. "Emerald" is standing by. The Northerners have similarly retreated from Chinkiang, which the Southerners occupied this morning.

The Standard Oil str. "Meian" yesterday was fired on at Kiang-yang, the first fort up the Yangtze, and later was fired on by Northerners at Chinkiang prior to their retreat.

The "Meian" was forced to retreat to Shanghai.—Reuter.

RED LIES.

British Blamed For Chapel Events.

Shanghai, March 24. The decision to call off the strike comes as a result of pressure by Pai Chung-hai, as mentioned yesterday. However, at noon to-day the mill workers, tramway men, railwaymen, post office employees and Customs men were still out. Only a few hundred seamen returned.

What promises to be a big struggle between the moderates and communists has begun at Shanghai. Well organized, and backed as they are by a political bureau, the communists are in a strong position, and it seems doubtful whether Pai Chung-hai will be able to control them.

Following Hankow Methods. They are already adopting the Hankow methods as regards organization of demonstrations.

Yesterday a huge demonstration was whipped up in Chapel with the object of adopting "anti-imperialist" resolutions. These demand, inter alia, that the Nationalist Government obtain the return of the international Settlements and French Concession in Shanghai, and the withdrawal of the troops and warships.

Flights of Fancy.

The organizers of the demonstration arranged a procession and distributed a manifesto and handbills. The former alleges that the British are really responsible for the sacking, burning and murders in Chapel, because had they not given refuge to the Shantung General Pi Shou-chen, the latter would have been able to order the Shantung troops to keep quiet.

In connection with this shameful and hurtful allegation the facts are, firstly, that the Settlement authorities could not refuse entrance to Pi Shou-chen, who was unarmed and "retired." They have "always" admitted unarmed men.

Secondly, British officials and soldiers, namely the Consul-General, Sir Sidney Barton, the Commissioner, Major Hilton Johnson, Viscount Gort, and Colonel Heywood, all risked their lives in order to bring about a stoppage of the sacking of Chapel. The object of Sir Sidney Barton's and Viscount Gort's mission to Chapel, besides that mentioned previously, was the same as Major Johnson's and Colonel Heywood's. Nevertheless, thanks to Communist propaganda, tens of thousands of Chinese to-day regard the British as more or less responsible for the happenings in Chapel.—Reuter.

Curfew.

Shanghai, March 24. The Shanghai Municipal Council to-night issued a proclamation requiring residents to remain indoors between ten at night and four in the morning.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI COUNCIL. Varied London Newspaper Comment.

London, March 24. The "Daily News" describes the Municipal Council's manifesto as

RANCHER'S WIFE.

DIVORCE DECREE FOR LADY CHEYLESMORE.

CELEBRATED CANADIAN CASE.

London, Feb. 26.

Lady Cheylesmore obtained a decree nisi in the Divorce Court to-day.

[The following cable message was received on December 7 last:—The divorce case against a Peer who preferred "roughing it" on a Canadian ranch to living in London and sitting in the House of Lords, concluded its first stage by the judgment of Lord Merrivale that a British Court was competent to hear the action which Lord Cheylesmore opposed on the ground that he was domiciled in Canada. Respondent's Counsel said both parties lodged an application in the Canadian Courts. Her Ladyship lodged a further case in an English Court. They were married in 1916, when she was a chorus girl from Tasmania and he was an officer in the Grenadier Guards. The wife's affidavit insisted that the home in Canada was only temporary and described it as a bungalow, ill-furnished and uncomfortable. She asserted that her mother-in-law wanted to get rid of her, especially as she was unlikely to have a child, which was also a reason why the marriage was unhappy. Her husband was always taunting her in that respect. Lord Cheylesmore's Counsel said respondent was not suited to life in London. He had endeavoured to persuade the Duc de Namur and other friends, also his family, to join him in building up a community. In fact, he would have been a veritable patriarch. The Judge decided that ranching in another country did not necessarily involve severance from England. Therefore, the proceedings would continue.]

A negative statement by a body which at last became articulate without saying anything in particular. The Council must realise that it cannot keep an army of nearly 20,000 standing permanently under arms in order to maintain permanently an armed force.

If the Council refuses to frame a policy or make a conciliatory move, the Treaty Powers and Governments, whether they like it or not, will be compelled to sink their diplomatic suspicions and jealousies and act directly and together.

Plain Wisdom.

The "Daily Telegraph" is of the opinion that in view of the chaotic circumstances in Shanghai there is plain wisdom in the argument advanced in the Municipal Council's manifesto against a drastic change in the administration of the settlement at the present time.

The paper thinks that the error which was made in Hankow was immediately negotiating with the Cantonese before calm was restored should not be repeated in Shanghai. All available evidence suggests that the Hankow agreement is completely worthless as a guarantee of security and fair treatment for British nationals.—Reuter.

LORD DESBOROUGH.

Further Details of Speech in Lords.

London, March 24.

The official verbatim report of Lord Desborough's speech, in the House of Lords on the 23rd inst., contains a reference to China. His Lordship referred to the outbreak to the statement on British policy in China on December 18 last calling other parties of the Washington Treaty to combine with Britain to try to come to some arrangement with China on very liberal lines. Unfortunately it was found impossible to proceed "as it is very difficult to get eleven different nations to agree on one course of policy, and there the matter remains."

The British Government then took more active steps on its own behalf, and addressed specific proposals on January 27 to Peking and Hankow with the object of making an arrangement on the various questions outstanding. That declaration of policy and these offers were productive of some result, for at Hankow an arrangement was reached. (The terms are still open for Mr. Eugene Chen, to whom this was addressed, to make an arrangement of a similar kind at Shanghai, and we only hope that it may have this result. "At present the whole of China is in such a state of disintegration that I suppose the hands of Mr. Chen are very fully occupied. The Government will still hope that some arrangement, or the liberal lines they proposed then, may be come to.")—Reuter.

BRITISH LEGION.

RELIEVING LOCAL NEEDY CASES.

THE YEAR REVIEWED.

The work of the British Legion in Hong Kong in helping needy cases and supporting Empire movements such as for the Poppy Day fund was emphasised at the annual meeting yesterday of the Hong Kong and China branch of the British Legion. Although it was emphasised that by the very nature of things, the Legion would in time die out, the determination was emphasised that they would as long as they were able continue in the work that they were doing in helping Earl Haig's Fund and local cases of distress.

Mr. A. Murdoch (Chairman of the Branch) presided, and there were also present the Rev. G. T. Waldergrave, Lt.-Col. Hayley Bell, Messrs. F. C. Hall, W. Brackenridge, C. B. Cornaby, A. Piercy, W. G. Joseph, J. Kershaw, C. Pryce and H. J. Pearce.

The Late Sir P. Chater. The Chairman, referring to the death of Sir Paul Chater, spoke of the great friend the Legion here had had in him and the readiness with which he had helped them. The expenditure in relief during the year under review (\$1,641) was considerably less than that of the previous year. Relief was smaller every year but the Legion could still discharge a valuable function by working in conjunction with Headquarters in the organisation of Poppy Day and other efforts. Last year's result in this connection was very gratifying, a total of \$16,067 being sent Home for Earl Haig's Fund (as compared with \$11,007 in 1925).

Referring to other accounts, the Chairman pointed out that, apart from donations, the receipts amounted to only \$800. After the election of officers, a short discussion took place on the question of bringing the local British Legion more before the public, among the suggestions made being that of the Rev. G. T. Waldergrave for the arranging of a social function with a view to bringing in more members.

Election of Officers.

The following officers and committee were elected for the ensuing year:—

President, Lt.-Col. G. K. Hall; Brackenridge, Chairman, Mr. A. Murdoch; Committee, the Rev. G. T. Waldergrave, Lt.-Col. Hayley Bell, Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Mrs. Bond, and Messrs. G. W. Sewell, F. C. Hall, R. K. Hopburn and J. A. Gordon Leask; Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. Piercy; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. Brackenridge; Hon. Auditor, Mr. A. Ritchie, C.A.

DR. JOSE C. SOARES.

A PRESENTATION THIS AFTERNOON.

At 5.30 o'clock this evening, at the Club Lusitano, there will be a reception and a presentation of a souvenir from the Portuguese community and friends of Dr. Jose Chetano Soares, the well-known Portuguese surgeon of Macao, prior to his departure on furlough upon completion of his ten years' service with the Municipal Council and Santa Casa de Misericordia in the Portuguese colony. The presentation will be made by the Portuguese Consul-General, Senhor A. Cerveira de Albuquerque e Castro, in the name and on behalf of his compatriots.

After the reception the Committee of the Club Lusitano will be "At Home" to tea to Dr. and Mrs. Soares and the visitors, of whom a large number is expected to be present, since there are many in Hong Kong who owe much to Dr. Soares' professional services at one time or another, and others who hold him in high regard and esteem. After tea there will be dancing. Music will be provided by the Lyric Orchestra.

The eminent surgeon holds a high record at Macao. Dr. Soares first came out to the Far East in the service of the Government of Macao. When he first came out in 1913 he was a Lieutenant in the Army and was attached to the military medical staff. His transference to Timor took place in 1915, whence he returned to Macao in the following year. It was in 1913 that he was engaged to serve under the Macao Municipality and the Santa Casa de Misericordia. He was placed in charge of St. Rafael's Hospital, the reorganisation of which he carried out with marked skill and ability. Dr. Soares possesses a rare organising gift. His ten years' contract, which has just expired, has been renewed, and the worthy Doctor leaves for Portugal to-morrow by the s.s. "Harau Maru." He expects to be away for one year and hopes to return to Macao in the spring of next year. His friends and admirers will wish him a bon voyage, a happy reunion with his people in his home country, and a speedy return to Macao, which can ill afford his absence for any length of time.

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PURE OF GAIN.

GREAT RUSH FOR DIAMOND DIGGINGS.

17,000 MINERS TOE LINE.

London, Feb. 26.

Johannesburg, Feb. 26.—Extraordinary scenes were witnessed at Grasfontein when the diggings were proclaimed.

The Natal and Transvaal Olympic champions and men from all parts of South Africa were gathered there to be the first off to mark and peg out claims. Four Australians were similarly imported.

It is estimated that 17,000 lined up on the two-mile front, while a larger number of spectators watched the proceedings.

The reading of the proclamation resulted in a fiasco, as the left portion of the line broke away before the proper time, overcame the police, and feverishly pegged out the ground.

The Mining Commissioner will consequently recommend the Minister of Mines to declare the Proclamation null and void and appoint another date.

The police, meantime, are pulling up the claim pegs.

[A Potchefstroom despatch, dated February 23, stated:—The biggest diamond rush in the world's history is timed for Friday, when Grasfontein Farm will be proclaimed public diggings. It is estimated that between 20,000 and 25,000 runners will line up to peg out claims, but it is generally expected that the majority will be disappointed, as it is believed that very little good gravel is available.]

"A REPORTER."

MR. SHAW ATTACKS MR. WELLS.

Mr. George Bernard Shaw indulged in some characteristic quips at the expense of his old friend, Mr. H. G. Wells, recently.

Mr. Shaw, writing in the "Evening Standard" on "The Yahoo," "the new club for the Suppression of Hypocrisy and Inconsistency in Public Life," a club invented for his purpose, makes the characters say:—

President: Order! Order! Members must not yab one another.

The vice: There's too much of this kind of thing. Look at Wells!

A yahoo: Who's Wells?

Another yahoo: Boxer. Ain't you never heard of Billy Wells?

The vice: No, not him, H. G. Wells, the reporter.

The mild yahoo: An author, sir, I think.

The vice: Author be blowed! He writes in the "Sunday Express" what's that but reporting? He's wrote two books to say that in future we shall all go naked. And does he live up to it? Not he. I saw him in Whitehall-terrace last Tuesday dressed up like you or me. New trousers, too.

CANING FOR BOYS.

HARROW'S HEADMASTER STRONGLY IN FAVOUR.

Dr. Cyril Norwood, headmaster of Harrow, described corporal punishment as "by far the most merciful for the English boy," in an address to members of the Indian Students' Hostel in Gower Street, W.C., on "English Public School Life and Character."

"It does not take time," he added, "and it does not cause any resentment." Corporal punishment existed in all public schools to-day with few exceptions.

Fighting, he said, which was such a feature of public school life a generation or two ago, had now entirely disappeared.

DOLE GRANT.

EXPERIMENT OF SALFORD GUARDIANS.

London, March 7.

The Salford Board of Guardians, with the approval of the Ministry of Health, are starting forthwith a scheme for instructional physical classes for unemployed single men up to the age of 30 and for married men up to the age of 25.

They are required to attend for two hours daily and relief is granted only if regular and punctual attendance has been kept.

The syllabus includes English, geography, history, and arithmetic.

Facilities will be provided for the study of handicrafts.

WEATHER FORECAST.

N. E. winds, moderate, overcast, some drizzle or mist in the forecast for the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-morrow.

Heavy rain to-morrow may be expected, with a strong S.W. wind from the coast over the China Sea.

PIRATES SENTENCED.

THE LAST 2 WOUNDED MEN.

TO PAY FULL PENALTY.

The two remaining men charged in connection with the "Sunning" piracy (their trial was delayed owing to the fact that they were wounded in the affray) concluded yesterday when the jury returned a verdict of guilty in respect of each of them.

Mr. Justice Wood, in passing sentence of death, said he was satisfied with the verdict as it had been proved that they were members of the pirate gang.

In his final address on behalf of the prisoners, Mr. C. G. Alabaster commented on the fact that although the 1st prisoner had an old scar none of the many witnesses available to the Police had seen it. The prisoner was known to be a man who, in 1925, had been one of a party of Chinese troops who had taken anti-piracy action and had killed some of the pirate gang. There was ground for his explanation that he was in the boat with the pirates as they wished to take vengeance on him.

With regard to the second prisoner, from the evidence the man appeared to have been all over the ship and the mere fact of him lying wounded on the deck might have given the impression that he was one of the pirates.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

March 25—Queen's Theatre: "Her Big Night."

March 25—World Theatre: "The Devil's Cargo."

March 25—Star Theatre: "The Lotus Eater" and "What Happened to Jones."

March 25—Theatre Royal, "The Last of Mrs. Cheyne," 9.15 p.m.

March 26—Social gathering in the Great Hall of the Hong Kong University 8 p.m.

April 1, 2, 4, 8, 9—Theatre Royal, "H.M.S. Pinafore," 9.30 p.m.

April 6—Theatre Royal, "H.M.S. Pinafore," Matinee, 4.30 p.m.

Sports.

March 26—First extra race meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, at Race Course, Happy Valley.

March 28—Twelfth Annual Sports meeting of H.K. University Athletic Association, University ground, Pokfulam, 2.30 p.m.

Meetings.

March 26—Thirty-first meeting of the Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., 2, Lower Albert Rd., noon.

March 26—Forty-second meeting of A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Hotel, 11 a.m.

March 28—Annual meeting of Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Assn., Hong Kong Cricket Club pavilion, 5.30 p.m.

March 28—Fifty-eighth general meeting of H.K. Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardine Matheson's offices, noon.

March 29—Annual meeting of the Navy League (H.K. branch) at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's board room, 5.30 p.m.

March 29—Annual meeting of the Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., 2, Queen's Bldg., noon.

March 30—Extraordinary meeting of The China Light & Power Co., (1918) Ltd., St. George's Bldg., Chater Road, 2.30 p.m.

March 30—Thirty-eighth annual meeting of the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., St. George's Building, 11 a.m.

March 30—Annual meeting of Gande, Price & Co., Ltd., 2, Leas House Street, noon.

April 1—Hong Kong Automobile Assn. meeting, Messrs. Jardine Matheson's offices, 5.30 p.m.

Lamart's Auctions.

March 28—A valuable collection of postage stamps will be sold at Messrs. Lamart Bros' Sales Room, 5.15 p.m.

March 28—Household furniture in No. 5, Queen's Garden, May Rd., will be sold at 2.45 p.m.

March 29—Messrs. Lamart Bros. will sell by Public Auction, household furniture at 23, Humphrey Bldg., Kowloon, 2.45 p.m.

March 31—At No. 4, Highburgh Terrace, H.K. & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., household furniture will be auctioned at 2.45 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

March 25—Organ Recital by Mr. F. Mason at St. John's Cathedral, 5.45 p.m.

March 25—Social and concert for members of H.M. Forces, at the Wesleyan Sailors' & Soldiers' Hall, commencing at 8 p.m.

March 25—Diocesan Girls' School, distribution of prizes, and annual speech by Kowloon, 5 p.m.

March 26—Reception at the Club Lusitano in honour of Dr. Soares of Macao, 5.30 p.m.

March 26—Formation of surveying class by the Hong Kong Technical Institute, at Town Hall, 8 p.m.

March 26—Annual Dinner of the Queen's College, 8 p.m.



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A WEEK'S PAPERS IN ONE.

THE "OVERLAND CHINA MAIL."

BIGGEST EVENT SINCE THE WAR.

Shanghai's capitulation and the attacks on Britons and other foreigners make one of the most picturesque chapters in present history since the Great War.

Everybody at Home will be "full of" Shanghai. This week's "Overland China Mail" summarises all the events leading up to the Nationalist capture. With carefully written explanations, each message will tell your folks at Home exactly what they want to know.

Friends will be expecting to hear all you have to inform them. Instead of writing laborious letters, post them a copy of the "Overland," as a link between Hong Kong and the Old Country.

HOW PIRATES PREY ON BRITISH SHIPS.

Prominence was given in many ways to the piracy of the "Sunning." Meagre details have been cabled Home about the latest attack on another British vessel, the "Hopsang."

The description is also included in this week's "Overland" and will make interesting reading.

As usual, all the local news and China despatches have been reproduced.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

The Government of Johore has given \$100,000 to the Malayan Flood Relief Fund.

Four cases of notifiable disease were reported to the Medical Officer of Health on Thursday, all from the city, comprising two Chinese with small-pox, a Chinese with diphtheria and a Portuguese with enteric fever (typhoid).

Six people were killed and twelve injured by an explosion which occurred in an amusement hall in Turner (Idaho) recently. The explosion was due to a match being lit when the acetylene lights went out. Two hundred people were in the hall watching a game of indoor basketball.

The "Come to Britain" movement fills a much wanted place in the national life, enabling citizens of the Dominions and of America to know Britain better, said Mr. Sydney Pascall at a luncheon of the Rotarians. "It is estimated," he continued, "that 25,000 first-class visitors from Australia last year spent £300 each, and 25,000 second-class visitors £100 each, totalling £10,000,000, which amount of business is not to be sneezed at, even in these apocalyptic times."

In the report on Wednesday of the recent arrest following a raid upon the servants' quarters of Messrs. E. D. Sasoon & Co. Ltd., it was stated that an employee of that firm was arrested on a charge of being implicated in the burglary at Messrs. Powells, but subsequently released. The "China Mail" has been asked by Messrs. E. D. Sasoon & Co. Ltd. to state that no charge was made against any of their employees in connection with the theft at Messrs. Powells.

A difficult problem confronts Lieut-General Sir Michael Rimgton, colonel of the 6th-6th Dragoon, and his brother officers. The 6th (Inniskilling) Dragoons, as they were styled before amalgamation with the 5th Dragoon Guards, have collected a handsome sum of money for the purpose of erecting a war memorial to officers and men of the regiment who fell in the war. Now they do not know where to erect it. Enniskillen, in Ireland, at once suggests itself, but now that Ireland is a Free State few of the officers or men are likely ever to go back there and see the memorial. The alternatives are either a central site in London or somewhere on the Hindenburg line. Opinions are still being invited from retired officers in the hope of reaching some satisfactory compromise.

During the performance at the City Hall last night, a thief entered the performer's cloakroom and stole clothing worth \$101.

"\$100 each to his grandsons, John Moore Antrobus and Edwin Hardwick Moore, if he keeps his promise neither to smoke nor drink before he is 21." This is an item in the will of the late Mr. Edwin Samuel Moore, of York Lodge, Edington, Birmingham, one of the founders of the Midland Vinegar Co. (now H.P. Sauce, Ltd.), who left \$615,769 (net personalty \$609,760).



Mr. T. V. Soong, who is a brother-in-law of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, and Minister of Finance of the Canton Government.

Being on the staff of an Army is not altogether without its compensations in the way of humour, remarks the "North China Daily News" of March 21. Yesterday, for some reason or other, two Punjabis had to visit the headquarters of the Jhansi Brigade in the Chartered Bank building, and they brought their pet goat with them. While they were in the act of delivering their message, the goat escaped, and promptly made for the Brigade Commander's office. They made a dash after it, but the goat then turned into another room and it had to be chivvied through the greater part of the Brigade premises. It was finally captured in the Intelligence Office.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. C. W. H. Cochrane, Under Secretary to Government, F.M.S., has been appointed to be General Adviser to the Government of Johore.

Mr. Arthur Denman, who, in his 40 years as Clerk of Assize in the South-Eastern Circuit, has not missed one of the 120 Assizes held, is to receive a presentation from members of the Kent Grand Jury.

The death of Mr. C. O. Hagedorn took place at his residence, 441, Pasir Panjang, Singapore, after a long illness. He was, for a period of 19 years in the Installation Dept. of the Asiatic Petroleum Co. (S.S.), Ltd. He retired in July last owing to ill-health. Much sympathy will be felt for his widow and ten children.

That cinema-going is becoming rapidly fashionable is exemplified by the list of distinguished people who saw the first presentation of "Don Juan." Lord and Lady Carnbrooke headed a list which included nearly fifty persons with titles. There was "a little informal reception" at the theatre before the film began.

Sir Thomas Strangman, a director of the Singapore Traction Company, Ltd., has arrived in Singapore on a tour of inspection. Sir Thomas was educated at Trinity Hall Cambridge and was of the same year as the Bishop of Singapore and the Chief Justice, Sir William Murlson. He was Advocate-General and member of the Legislative Council, Bombay, from 1908-1915 and from 1918-1922 and contested Crew Division of Cheshire in the General election of 1924, in the Conservative interest. Sir Thomas expects to sail for home on March 25 by the "Mongolia."

Almina Countess of Carnarvon was involved in a motor-car accident on the Albert Embankment, Lambeth. She received a severe cut on the forehead and suffered from shock. Her motor-car had just moved off after she had made a call at business premises in company with her husband, Colonel Ian Dennistoun, when a motor lorry coming from behind came into collision with the car. Lady Carnarvon was thrown forward from her seat and cut over the eye. While a handkerchief was applied to the wound she was driven to St. Thomas's Hospital, a short distance away. After medical attention had been given, she was taken to her home, 10, Grosvenor Place, Park Lane.

Count van Limburg-Stirum, the new Dutch Minister to Berlin, was well known in Singapore during the time he presided at Buitenzorg as the Governor-General of the Dutch East Indies.

The following deaths were announced at Home in mail week:—Alderman Sir George Wright, formerly Aston's largest ratepayer, founder of G. Wright and Co., makers of billiards tables, a prominent magistrate and Middlesex councillor, in a London nursing home, aged 80; Rev. Robert Chadwick, rector of Caldecote, Nuneaton, honorary canon of Worcester, formerly vicar of Chilvers-Coton parish church; the Shepperton Church of George Eliot's writings, aged 71; and Mr. Harry Taylor, a noted South of England showman and in his early years a bare-knuckle fighter—who will receive a "showman's funeral" at Hounslow—at Feltham, Middlesex, aged 73.



Mr. Henry Ford, the motor car magnate, whose fortune is estimated at \$204,000,000.

The wedding was solemnized at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, between Francis Ashton Johnson and Beryl Blanche Reid, who arrived from Shanghai on the "Patrolous." The bride was given away by Capt. Clarke of the "Patrolous." Miss Pat Master of Shanghai was bridesmaid and Mr. Oliver Welby was best man.

Mr. W. J. C. Rodrigues, who was formerly employed on the s.s. "Kishan" has been appointed an assistant of the "Coal Oil," the new basement bar at the Hotel Savoy.

As the result of a fall while alighting from a moving bus in Wuhu Street, a Chinese received injuries to his head and shoulder. He was taken to the Kowloon hospital for treatment.

What with Running Dogs and Alley Cats the disputes in China have furnished us with much amusing news, remarks a Singapore paper and if the one would only chase the other and leave honest people to come by their own every-body would be quite pleased.

What the "Singapore Free Press" Topicalist wants to know is what is the lady's real name. She is either Madame Borodin, Mrs. Brown or Frau Grosberg, and kaleidoscopic as the marriage changes of Russians are alleged to be now, the Topicalist really cannot credit that she has had time to ring all these changes in husbands since her capture.

Who has ever experienced such weather in Singapore at this time of the year? asks the "Straits Times." The last three days have not only been oppressively hot and the atmosphere full of humidity but even the nights have afforded little, if any, relief. Every day is a Sunday yet without Sunday's corresponding advantages. However much we may risk incurring the ridicule of ex-residents of Singapore, yet we cannot refrain from stating that our city is now in the throes of a "heat wave." What can be done about it? It does not seem quite fair to put the blame on to the Governor, and we see no particular advantage in demanding a reduction of even \$1 from the salary of the local Clerk of the Weather, for whoever may be the official who watches over our Meteorological department. Yet restless nights followed by frizzling days are peculiarly trying to the temper. We trust, however, that none of us will take a mean advantage of the heat wave to get off some of those expressions of personal opinion which we have so long been nursing against the other fellow but which so far we have so generously withheld. For ourselves we are adopting the Coué method. We keep assuring ourselves that "every day and in every way we are getting cooler and cooler." But to those to whom the Coué method is unsuited we offer the suggestion once offered by Punch in similar circumstances—"Keep cool."

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SPORTS SECTION

RACE PROSPECTS.

PONIES WHICH MAY PAY TO FOLLOW.

FIELDS ON BIG SIDE?

[By "Patrol"]

Prospects have hardly ever been more open for an extra meeting as for to-morrow's race. The first "extra" of the Hong Kong Jockey Club season.

Four handicaps are included in the card of nine events and the weights allotted have pleased the greatest majority. Owners who disapprove of their chances in the handicaps will still be well catered for.

I expect to see at least 6 or 7 ponies in nearly every race, with a bigger field in some of the events.

Recent rains have improved the grass on the track and not made it too heavy. From appearance at the time of writing, it looks as if to-morrow's going will be slightly on the heavy side but not really sloppy.

Primary interest will be attached to the 4th Race, First Aggregate Stakes (one mile)—the big event of the day, with a \$100 cash sweep. Four ponies are practically certain.

TO-MORROW'S TIPS.

Final Selections: 1st Extra Race Meeting.

"Patrol's" final selections for the first extra (that) race meeting of the season, will be in to-morrow's "China Mail" (published at mid-day).

The first race starts at 2:15 p.m. and there are nine events on the card, each following at an interval of just under 30 minutes or so.

To newcomers: Allow 20 minutes at least to get down to the course by tram and about 10 minutes by motor.

starters, viz., Brigade Call, Misty Eve, Ataboy and Saligia. King of the Plains and either Grey Morn or Total Abstinence may also be saddled.

Taking everything into consideration, I shall expect Misty Eve to beat the "old" ponies and Saligia ought to get a place at least.

As it is still raining, Grande del Norte may pay to watch for the 1st Race, Happy Valley Handicap "A" (6 furlongs). Over this distance, Grande del Norte ought to do well, even if one or other of the two Kings run as well.

Pottenbush will start "hot favourite" in the 2nd Race, March Stakes (5 furlongs) with danger possibly from King Alan, Festive Eve, Bing Boy and Scooter. Pottenbush ought to win with either King Alan or Scooter getting the other places.

Unless the Macao races have taken too much out of September, he ought to annex the 3rd Race, Happy Valley Handicap "B" (6 furlongs). I understand that The Goblin is a likely starter, with a steadier of 173 lbs. My money will be against this pony. Should there be a field of six or more, one of the 1927 subs. may be worth a small bet to upset the odds.

Lacoda II will not be able to run in the 5th Race, Aberdeen Plate (a mile) as this pony has won in Macao. Espoir may be favourite—and the winner.

If Lt. T. O. Bulteel rides Skidoo in the 7th Race, Stanley Stakes (a mile), the subscription griffins champion will only have to carry 157 lbs. On form, I can hardly see one of the others reversing the verdict of the annual meeting. Bagheera does not seem to have kept the "big" meeting form but Kem Tong Hall and one of Messrs. Dyer & Both's will meet with support.

In the 8th Race, Wanchai Handicap "B" (1 1/4 miles) my tip is Salvo for a win.

Betting ought to be very even in the last race, Wanchai Handicap "A" (1 1/4 miles) in which a string of reliable ponies are likely to run. At present, my selection is Battle Eve.

Not being a weather prophet, however, I prefer to hold over the "final" review and "tips" for to-morrow's issue by which, I hope, the rain will have stopped.

The annual Test match between Nigeria and the Gold Coast has just been played and won by the Coast team at Accra. The return will be played next season at Lagos. In order to play for Nigeria, one of the eleven had to walk 200 miles to get to the train to Lagos, and the team had to do nearly three miles in surf boats to land at Accra to play the same afternoon. On the losing side were B. Outram (Marlborough and Buckinghamshire), Capt. Sanger (Cheltenham, Sandhurst, and Army cricket), and Major D. A. D. Sewell (Bedford, Sandhurst and Buckinghamshire), who headed the Sandhurst bowlers averages in 1914 and took ten wickets in the Woolwich match won by the R.M.C.

BACK AGAIN!

OXFORD'S SPARE MAN AS STROKE.

CHANGES IN THE BOAT.

London, March 24.

A. Hankin (the spare man) is now stroking the Oxfords in the practice for the Boat Race.

P. Johnson (of Magdalen), the Deputy stroke, has returned to his original position at No. 2.—Reuter.

The difficulty has been caused by W. Llewellyn, the Dark Blue stroke, contracting measles. On Monday Hankin shaped excellently in his place. Then Hankin was dropped, Johnson (the No. 2) moved up to stroke and T. Peppercorn (Balliol) rowed No. 3. But on Wednesday, Peppercorn was forbidden to row because of a boil on his wrist. Hankin, accordingly returns to stroke and Johnson goes back to No. 2 in place of Peppercorn.]

FULL COURSE TRIAL.

Cambridge's Time Under Rough Weather.

London, March 24.

Cambridge rowed a full course trial from Putney to Mortlake in 21 minutes, 17 seconds. Conditions were not ideal, with a strong head-wind and it was rough over the major part of the course.—Reuter.

Trials were done last Saturday as follows:—

Cambridge: 20 min. 8 sec., almost perfect water throughout, not a strong wind, tide conditions not exceptionally fast.

Oxford: 20 min. 15 sec., slightly more favourable conditions than Cambridge.]

At a meeting of the British-American Cup Committee held in London, which was attended by three American delegates from the Senawhaka Corinthian Yacht Club, an agreement was arrived at for the holding of another contest between teams of four 6-metre yachts representing Great Britain and the United States respectively to take place in 1928. The last British-American Cup was won outright by Britain in 1924.

BASEBALL "STAR'S" NEW CONTRACT.



Ty Cobb recently exonerated of complicity in baseball's latest scandal, signing his contract to play with the Philadelphia Athletics, in the presence of Connie Mack, the veteran manager, on the left, and Thomas S. Shibe, president of Philadelphia Club. The salary of the "star" was not made public, but is understood to be about \$75,000.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES AT H.K.C.C.

F. A. Redmond has entered the third round of the open singles championship at the H.K.C.C. tennis tournament. Yesterday's results were:—

Open Singles.—F. A. Redmond beat Hung Hui-chen 7-5, 6-3, 6-3.

Open Doubles.—Colonel C. Russell Brown and L. Forster beat H. Owen Hughes and E. Grimble 1-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-3; R. M. Henderson and A. Breenley beat Y. A. Wahab and S. A. Ismail 6-4, 6-2, 6-1.

Mixed Doubles.—Dr. B. E. and Mrs. Tottenham (ove 16/3) beat Mrs. Miller and H. J. Armstrong (rec. 16) 6-1, 6-1; Major W. B. Stevenson and Mrs. Stevenson beat Dr. J. R. Craig and Mrs. Craig (rec. 15) 9-7, 6-2.

To-day's Matches.—Open Singles.—H. D. Ramjahn v. H. Akiyama (2nd round); S. S. Hussain v. W. B. Cornaby (1st round).

Open Doubles.—Rev. F. P. W. Alexander and Major W. B. Stevenson v. Capt. Morris and G. Sturgess (2nd round).

Handicap Singles "A".—Major C. Wilson (rec. 1/8) v. A. Ptery (rec. 1/8); R. M. Henderson (ove 2/8) v. P. D. E. Pondered (rec. 4/8); Dr. D. J. Valentine (rec. 1/8) v. D. S. Green (rec. 3/8).

Handicap Doubles.—J. R. Collis and Dr. C. H. Burton (rec. 15/2) v. E. Grimble and W. Owen Hughes (ove 8/8).

TENNIS TOUR.

BRITISH LADIES IN SOUTH AFRICA.

MISS FRY AT HER BEST.

Benoni, March 2.

Southern Transvaal defeated the British ladies' lawn tennis team by three matches to two.

Miss Fry gave her best exhibition of the tour. She played the baseline game throughout and was standstill personified, placing with superb accuracy.

She was down 3-5 in the second set, but with remarkable agility and anticipation she wrested the match from Mrs. Pencock's grasp. This was the latter's first defeat since Miss McKane beat her in 1925.

How the Scores Went.—The results were:—

Miss Fry (Great Britain) beat Mrs. Pencock 6-4, 8-6.

Mrs. Watson and Miss Dix (Great Britain) beat Mrs. Everitt and Miss Hopkins, 6-1, 4-6, 6-0.

Mrs. Pencock and Miss Woods beat Miss Fry and Miss Saunders (Great Britain), 6-4, 7-5.

Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Neave beat Miss Harvey and Mrs. McIlquham, 6-3, 6-2.

[The result of one match was not given].

Complete Victory.

Pretoria, March 5.

The British ladies' lawn tennis team played Northern Transvaal. The following are the results:—

Mrs. McIlquham beat Mrs. Myburgh, 6-1, 6-2; Miss Dix beat Mrs. Adkins, 6-2, 6-2; Miss Harvey beat Mrs. McArthur, 6-3, 7-5.

Miss Saunders and Miss Fry beat Miss Buchanan and Mrs. Cant, 6-0, 7-5; Miss Harvey and Mrs. McIlquham beat Mrs. Myburgh and Mrs. McArthur, 6-3, 6-3.

The tourists thus won all the five matches.

HIGH SCORING.

YESTERDAY'S "FRIENDLY" CRICKET.

High scoring prevailed yesterday when the Kowloon Cricket Club (on their own ground) just managed to draw in a friendly match with H.M.S. "Prohibitor." Scores:—

"Prohibitor": 216 runs (Lt. Garrett 67, Sub-Lt. Perton 20, Pay Lt.-Comdr. Read 37; J. C. Lysal 3 for 52, N. H. Ross 3 for 38, Smith 2 for 27).

Kowloon C.C. 151 runs for 9 wickets. (A. R. F. Raven 17, W.

SOCCER NOTES.

TO-MORROW'S LEAGUE PROBLEMS.

RUNNERS-UP POSITIONS.

[By "W.P.C."]

Five league soccer matches are down for decision to-morrow, the problems being nearly all in connection with the positions of runners-up in two divisions. Fixtures are as follow:—

Division I.

Hong Kong F.C. v. Chinese Athletic, H.K.F.C. ground, 4.30 p.m.

Royal Artillery v. Club de Recreo, Sookumpoo "A" ground, 4.30 p.m.

Division II, Section "A."

Hong Kong F.C. Reserves v. Kowloon F.C. Reserves, H.K.F.C. ground, 3 p.m.

Chinese Athletic "A" v. South China Reserves, Sookumpoo "A" ground, 3 p.m.

Chinese Athletic "A" v. South China Reserves, Sookumpoo "A" ground, 3 p.m.

Club de Recreo Reserves v. Royal Artillery Reserves, King's Park, 3 p.m.

Once more the senior champions (Club de Recreo) have to visit Sookumpoo and they should win.

Chinese Athletic are best placed to annex the runners-up medals in division I and a great deal will depend on their ability to tackle the Club. The Chinese still play pretty football but have been unable to do the right thing at the critical moment. If there is to be a turn to the long lane, they should get full points from a Club team which will not be at its strongest.

Kowloon Reserves are engaged in division II. They are in the final of the Junior Shield, in which they have to meet the Kobies Reserves. Kowloon should beat the Club 2nd XI and their performance may give some indication as to their prospects in the Shield.

Chinese Athletic "A" and the Artillery Reserves are, at present, favourites for second berth in division II, section "A." To-morrow, the Athletic have slightly the easier engagement, at Sookumpoo against South China Reserves, whereas the Gunners visit the Recreo at King's Park.

By to-morrow evening, the problems of second place should have been partially solved.

FANLING GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

Starting times on the Fanling course, Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, on Sunday are as follow:—

9.28 a.m. Comdr. Aubrey, F. D. Wood.

9.32 H. G. Hegarty, R. W. Lee, 9.36 D. M. Goodall, W. J. Shenton, 9.40 A. E. Lissaman, A. O. Brown, 9.44 G. Murray, C. C. Stark, 9.48 J. D. H. Crawford, H. R. Forsyth.

9.52 D. Forbes, G. Davidson, 9.56 A. Leach, A. D. Humphreys, 10.00 J. Coulthart, W. M. Cox, 10.04 A. Riercy, R. K. Hepburn, 10.08 M. H. Turner, V. M. Grayburn.

10.12 G. B. Layton, A. B. Raworth, 10.16 A. W. Hodges, A. R. Cox, 10.20 J. F. Kennedy, F. Austin, 10.24 G. F. Lammert, E. P. Fletcher, 10.28 W. L. Dunbar, L. R. Andrews.

10.32 P. P. J. Wodehouse, J. S. McLaren, 10.36 A. W. Roberts, N. K. Littlejohn, 10.40 Capt. Morris, D. G. Bruce, 10.44 T. L. Christie, D. J. Gilmore, 10.48 F. Cowherd, S. Hewkin, 10.52 J. Fleming, E. M. Bryden, 10.56 J. Harrop, S. T. Butlin, 11.00 E. Grimble, H. G. Sheldon, 11.04 J. Thayer, H. Spicer.

SCORED FIRST.

RUGGER CLUB LOSE TO K.O.S.'s.

Although they scored first, the rugby section of the Hong Kong Football Club (on the Club ground) lost yesterday to the 2nd/King's Own Scottish Borderers.

G. P. Lammert scored a try early on and C. D. Wales added the two points. Back came the soldiers with two tries that were not improved on; Lt. W. G. Mattingley scored the first.

Once more the Club took the lead through an unconverted try by Lammert (8 points to 6).

Just on half time, the Borderers recovered the advantage, thanks to a try by Lt. F. M. V. Treagar.

In the second half, Sergeant Seamen added another unconverted try for the Infantrymen who thus won by 12 points (4 tries) to the Club's 8 points (1 goal, 1 try).

Fulham Football Club has announced that at all their home games spectators will be admitted for half-time at half price.

Ebbw Vale Association Club, now members of the Welsh and Southern Leagues, are to make application for admission to the Third Division of the English Football League, in which Newport County, Aberdare Athletic, and Merthyr Town are now the only Welsh representatives.

AMBIDEXTERITY.

THE ABILITY TO USE BOTH HANDS.

ETON EXPERIMENT.

London.—Is ambidexterity on the increase? Or is modern science, with its labour-saving devices, robbing us of the ability to use both hands? Such was the London "Weekly Dispatch" is the problem which has arisen from Sir James Barrie's confession that his right hand, "horrified at the sight of his calligraphy," suddenly ceased to function some eight years ago.

"As far as my own experience goes, there are fewer left-handed people than ever," says Mr. Eustace Miles, an expert on the subject.

"This is curious, for the training of the left hand is easily mastered. Experiments made in America have proved that when the right hand has been trained to do anything, the left hand can be trained to do the same thing in about one-sixth of the time that the right hand took to learn."

"Without doubt, the occasional use of the left hand must be a rest for the right when it is tired, and in my opinion it would be a rest for the left side of the brain."

Two-Handed Trades.—"The Japanese, who are not only a progressive race, but a very ingenious one, make ambidexterity a part of their training. This seems to me very wise, for it is calculated that there are 30 employments in which skill with both hands is necessary, and about 400 in which it is advantageous."

Sir Robert Baden Powell, on the other hand, believes that ambidexterity is not only increasing, but will have a material influence on physical development in the future. He himself is ambidextrous, and our experience is that there is far more ambidexterity among youths than before our movement started."

Yet another school of theorists, of which Dr. Alington is one, is inclined to the belief that ambidexterity is wrong.

Risk of Idiocy.—"Not long ago Eton College was made the subject of an experiment," it was explained. "An eminent scientist has discovered that by using the right hand they developed the left side of the brain."

"It was thought that by using the left hand the right-hand side of the brain could be developed. So it was decided to start boys writing with the left hand. But another psychologist discovered that if you develop both sides of your brain at once, you become an idiot. The experiment was hurriedly dropped."

Famous ambidextrous people in history include Queen Victoria, Leonardo da Vinci, Holbein, Landseer, Alexandre Dumas, Sir Oliver Lodge, Carlyle, and Canon Lyttelton. Lord Phillimore and Lord Darling, too, write with both hands.

Ambidexterity in animals is also a subject which it still under experiment. Orang-outangs are right-handed, whereas gorillas and chimpanzees are left-handed.

EXPLOITING THE CLERGY.

Stated to have been "gazetted" in church magazines owing to his persistent cadging from kindhearted clergy and Nonconformist ministers, Frederick Ayres (35), of Great Peter Street, Westminster, was charged at Marylebone Police court with being an idle and disorderly person. When arrested, it was stated, Ayres had in his possession a long list, bearing the names and addresses of clergymen and Nonconformist ministers.

The magistrates remarked that it was rather a shame to victimise the poor clergy in this way simply because they were kind and soft-hearted. He was afraid that these generous gentlemen were being "exploited." The missionary being willing to give the accused a chance, the magistrate bound over the accused.

GOVERNED FROM JAIL.

Edgewater (New Jersey), Feb. 13. Arrangements are being made for the Mayor (Mr. Henry Wisel), who was sentenced to a year's imprisonment in connection with rum-running, to continue to govern the city from his cell in the Atlantic Penitentiary. A great deal of feeling was stirred up when Mr. Wisel was found guilty, and a petition signed by all the city's school children, induced the judge to reduce the sentence from two years to one year. The case, which involved the chief of police, who was also found guilty and sentenced to a similar term, has divided the city into two camps, the women declaring that they will petition the Governor to unseat the Mayor, while the latter's resignation, it is believed, will not be accepted by the board of aldermen.

The announcement that Whysall's benefit match, last season realised \$228 emphasises the wide difference that exists between the benefits of professional cricketers in various countries. Two seasons ago Roy Kliner's benefit at Bradford brought in more than \$4,000, while \$3,000 raised by subscriptions has just been given to Mr. F. C. Toome, the Yorkshire secretary, as a testimonial.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, MARCH 25, 1927, 10.30 A.M.

Name.	Hong Kong Stock Exchange.	Hong Kong Share Association.	Share & Real Estate Brokers Society.
T.T. on London	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2
T.T. on Shanghai	80 1/4	80 1/4	80 1/4
Bank.			
Hongkong Bank	1080 b	1085 sa	1090 s
do. London	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2
Chartered Bank	231 n	231 n	231 n
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	231 n	231 n	231 n
do. C.	231 1/2 n	231 1/2 n	231 1/2 n
P. & O. Bank	231 b	231 b	231 b
Bank of East Asia	74 s	67 b	71 n
Marine Insurance.			
Canton Insurance	566 1/2 b	563 b	560 b
China Underwriters	80 cts b	73 cts b	80 cts n
North China Insurance	1145 n	140 n	1145 n
Union Insurance	202 b & sa	201 b	202 b
Yangtze Insurance	335 M. n	40 n	—
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance	205 b	200 b	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	640 b	620 b	640 b
Shipping.			
Douglases	31 n	31 b	31 n
Hongkong Steamboats	20 s 19 sa	19 b 19 sa	19 n
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	110 n	24 s	114 n
Indo-China (Traf.)	30 n	30 n	30 n
do. (Def.)	40 b	40 n	40 n
Shell Transports	59 1/2	59 b	59 n
Star Ferries	53 1/2	53 b 54 s	54 n
Water-boats	14 n	13 1/2 b	14 n
Refineries.			
China Sugars	22 n	15 b 16 s	14 1/2 b
Malayan Sugars	31 n	30 n	31 n
Mining.			
Benguet	140 b	—	—
Kailan Mining Ad.	38 n	42 1/2 n	40 n
Langkats (Combined)	22 n	22 b	21 1/2 n
do. (Single)	10 1/2 n	12 b	—
Shanghai Exploration	14 n	4 b	—
Shanghai Loan	7 n	6 b	—
Raubs	4 n	340 b	3 1/2 n
Tronoh Mines	21 n	21 b	—
Ural Caspian	8 n	—	—
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	99 b 102 s	98 sa	99 n
H.K. & W. Docks	40 n	35 b 37 s	40 n
Hongkows	150 n	150 n	150 b
New Engineerings	15 1/2 n	15 1/2 b	14 1/2 n
Shanghai Docks	1101 b	502 b	101 n
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	7 b 7 1/2 sa	7 b	7 1/2 n
Hongkong Lands	52 1/2 b	52 b 52 1/2 sa	52 1/2 n
Hongkong Realty	6 b	6 n	6 n
H.K. Territorial	2 1/2 n	1 s	2 s
Rumfords Estates	12 1/2 n	12 1/2 b	12 1/2 n
Prince's Building	89 n	87 n	—
Rural Lands	1 1/2 n	—	—
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	7 1/2 n	7 1/2 n	7 1/2 n
Oriental	7 1/2 n	7 1/2 n	7 1/2 n
Shanghai Cottons (old)	7 1/2 n	7 1/2 n	7 1/2 n
do. (new)	7 1/2 n	7 1/2 n	7 1/2 n
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ice	5 n	4 s	5 n
Cement (comb.)	—	7 b	7 n
do. (old)	6 n	6 b	6 n
do. (new)	1 1/2 n	1 1/2 b	1 1/2 n
China Buses	9 1/2 n	—	—
China Lights (comb.)	14 n	14 s	14 n
do. (old)	11 n	10 1/2 n	10 n
do. (new)	6 1/2 n	7 n	7 n
China Prov.	3 1/2 n	4 b	4 sa
Dairy Farms	16 1/2 n	16 1/2 s	16 1/2 n
Der A. Wing	6 n	5 s	18 1/2 n
Hongkong Amusements	17 1/2 n	18 1/2 n	18 1/2 n
H.K. Constructions	2 1/2 n	2 1/2 b	2 1/2 n
Hongkong Electric	5 1/2 n	50 sa	51 n
H.K. Ropes (old)	10 n	6 s	7 n
do. (new)	10 n	6 s	7 n
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Mackintosh	10 1/2 n	—	—
Nanyang Tobaccos	—	9 1/2 b	—
Peak Trams (old)	15 1/2 n	15 b	15 b
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MUSIC IN ITALY.

Has the Glory Now
Departed?

Shades of Palestrina, Bellini, Donizetti, Rossini, Verdi! In Italy no longer to supply the world with music and song! asks A. Beaumont, writing from Rome for the "London Daily Telegraph." The terrible question comes up when one reads the report of the seven leading Maestros, Giordano, Lualdi, Respighi, Zandonai, Pizzetti, Alfano, and others who have rejected all the compositions of the young Maestros of Rome and Milan! They were called upon as an official committee of mature and successful operatic composers to award the prizes to seventeen new operas written by seventeen young musicians, their pupils, proposed by the Ministry of Fine Arts in Rome, and they unanimously decided that not one of the seventeen new works was worthy of being produced on the stage. Therefore no prizes were to be awarded, and all the efforts of the young Verdis and Rossinis were in vain!

This happened only a week ago, and the fact was recorded amid despondency. It agitated badly for Italian lyric art, and the Press, with patriotic feeling, concealed its disappointment. A few days before the same illustrious committee submitted to Mussolini a paper on the "Grave Crisis of Italian Opera," which Mussolini read, with the greatest attention, and afterwards discussed with some personal. Lualdi, talking on the subject later, said that the greatest trouble today is the indifference and almost the hostility of the public as regards contemporary productions for the stage. People get more enthusiastic over a new charvari or a jazz band than over a new opera. The happy days are gone by when a new opera was discussed in the cafes and drawing-rooms with ardour and passion as used to be the case a 100 or even fifty years ago, when there was a scramble for seats, and even riotous demonstrations. At the time of Rossini, Bellini, and Donizetti the eagerness for new operas was such that impresarios scoured the musical conservatories for youthful composers of the slightest promise, whom they immediately commissioned. This is how some of the old masters made their debut as composers at an exceedingly early age. Rossini was 18 when his first opera was given, Donizetti 21, and Bellini only 17. In opening a career thus early to young composers, the impresarios only satisfied the public taste and clamour which wanted a continuous supply of new works.

To-day it is all changed. It fills one with melancholy when one reads the prospectus of any opera house at the opening of a new season. Public taste is now just the contrary, apparently, to what it was last century. The whole season of an opera house is practically filled with a repetition of the long-standing works of the repertoire, and it is a wonder if occasionally one new opera is "announced." The world over we have an incessant repetition of the Barber of Seville, "Traviata," "Rigoletto," or the Wagnerian operas. Living composers are happy they can squeeze in and take a second place in public favour. The ghosts of the great composers of the past frighten away the living. Italy, which was once the happy land that supplied most of the musical and operatic novelties, is threatened with losing her prestige altogether.

The same public interest in operas is no longer shown as it was only twenty or thirty years ago, when peasants in country carts and wagons came to Parma, Modena, or Bologna, not to mention Milan, and slept in stables and lofts with their whole families around them. To-day the impresarios find it difficult to fill their houses. They pull along as best they can from season to season continually on the verge of failure. The great publishing houses are partly in fault also; because they do not want to take the risk of a new opera, and prefer to continue to draw revenue from the works of the repertoire of which they keep jealous possession. The public also wants to see operas staged without regard to expense, and the impresarios can no longer afford it. The only hope left is State intervention on a magnanimous scale, and this Mussolini has promised. But he also expressed the opinion that composers and impresarios might do well to try to supply real good music which the

"ROBINSON CRUSOE" FILMED.

Scenes Taken on Tobago Island.

After spending nine weeks in Tobago Mr. M. A. Wetherell has completed the filming of Robinson Crusoe's sojourn on his desert island and has sailed for England. Tobago has been thought to be the island on which Defoe placed his hero, and Mr. Wetherell declares that for photographic purposes its scenery and climate are unsurpassed.

Playing the part of Crusoe, Mr. Wetherell was able to secure the whole of the company required for these scenes from local natives and white residents.

About 100 negroes took part in the cannibal scenes, while the personnel of the British ship and the mutineers was supplied by members of the planting community.

Man Friday.

A remarkable discovery was "Man Friday," a young coloured man who had been engaged to drive the motor-car of the party. He confessed that he had once acted in the part in a school play.

Given the chance to show what he could do, he revealed himself as an accomplished actor.

Sites for the principal scenes answering with amazing fidelity to the descriptions in the book were found without difficulty.

There was the traditional "Robinson's Cave," wonderful stretches of desolate sandy beach, the famous "Look-out" at Mount Dillon, and great tracts of dense tropical forest. Mr. Wetherell found that a Robinson-Crusoe myth was firmly established in the minds of the local negroes, who entertained no doubts about his actual residence on the island.

Buried Treasure.

"Indeed, the visitor is seriously assured that 'Some old, old people here, Sun, does remember Robinson Crusoe'."

After the party had been working there for two or three weeks the story was spread amongst the natives that the cinematographic business was a blind.

The expedition had really come to search for Robinson Crusoe's treasure. This is another local tradition, the belief being that Crusoe fetched a valuable treasure from the wrecked ship and buried it in a cave on the island.

The cave is said to have been visited, and an old canister is said to have been observed, but always as the search party approached this object the candle was blown out by supernatural means and a hurried retreat followed.

"THE MIKADO" FILMED IN COLOUR.

Among the unique features of the "Gaumont Mirror," the new British screen weekly, which has been extensively booked for showing in the cinema from February onwards, is an item giving excerpts from the D'Oyly Carte production of "The Mikado" in colour, which takes on a particular interest because of Mr. Charles Rokette's newly designed costumes of the 1720 period.

Among the artists appearing in the film are Darrell Fancourt, Charles Goulding, Henry Lytton, Leo Sheffield, John Huntington, Elsie Griffith, Aileen Davis, Beatrice Elburn, and Bertha Lewis.

Before they sailed for Canada the whole company crowded into one of the Gaumont private theatres to see themselves on the screen for the first time—and found the experience so immensely amusing that they shrieked with laughter from beginning to end.

general public could appreciate, and which made the fame and fortune of the great composers of the past, and with this rather enigmatical dictum he dismissed the illustrious committee who in their turn had been so hard on the young geniuses of the conservatories.

It remains to be seen whether in a year or two a sudden change will not take place under the impulse of the great Fascist Duce, who whilst directing the destinies of Italy also finds time to indulge in playing the violin.

THRILLS IN MUSIC.

Era of the Great Singers.

At first, the question that Americans asked was, how to get a thrill out of opera music. They arrived at an answer clearly, according to abundant testimony, both oral and written, in the period, roughly, from 1885 to 1900, which may be called that of the great singers. Next the question arose, how they could get a thrill out of symphony music. They accomplished this quest in the period, again roughly, between the years 1900 to 1925, which may be called that of the great conductors. At present, the question which piques their curiosity is, how they may get a thrill out of quartet music. For the third time, answer seems forthcoming, and in a period quite near, which may be called that of the great ensemble interpreters.

Not but that opera performance reached remarkable heights, and then in the earlier decades, and symphony performance in the later ones of the nineteenth century; not but that quartet performance, likewise, has often been brilliant in the course of the twentieth century, as far as counted off. Still, says the "Christian Science Monitor," the grand thrill of such things undoubtedly demands long preparation, and the day of the quartet in the United States can hardly be described as farther along than at the dawn.

Definition of the word, American, necessarily affects the case. For, strictly speaking, American opera performance has always been Italian, German, or French; while American symphony performance has been mixed German, French, Italian, Russian and much else. But the proof of music is in the listening. The keenest opera audiences were indisputably those of from thirty to forty years ago; the most penetrating symphony audiences have been those of the last twenty-five years; whereas really independent and shrewdly discerning quartet audiences are scarcely yet developed.

Formerly, American quartets were recruited from orchestras. A concert master broke away from submission to the baton, got another violinist, a viola player, and a violoncellist to join him, and went on the concert circuit presenting the chamber music classics. Immeasurable good resulted, but truly, no remarkable thrill. To-day, artists who have made the acquaintance of the American listener as solo players and have discovered in him a desire for a higher emotional experience than can be had from the Mendelssohn concerto for violin, the orchestral episode of Berlioz with the solo viola part, or the Haydn concerto for violoncelle quartet, are beginning to institute quartets.

Noteworthy, Mischke Elman drops a large portion of his business, if that is proper to say, as virtuoso, and assembles a group of four to perform Beethoven, opus 59, Nos. 1, 2 and 3; Brahms opus 51, Nos. 1 and 2, and other things of like significance to the consideration of the musical public. Mr. Elman's renown as a solo violinist by no means assures the outcome. His known temperament as an interpreter, however, indicates the purpose; which is, to give Americans a long-expected, and perhaps overdue, thrill.

CLEVER CHILD.

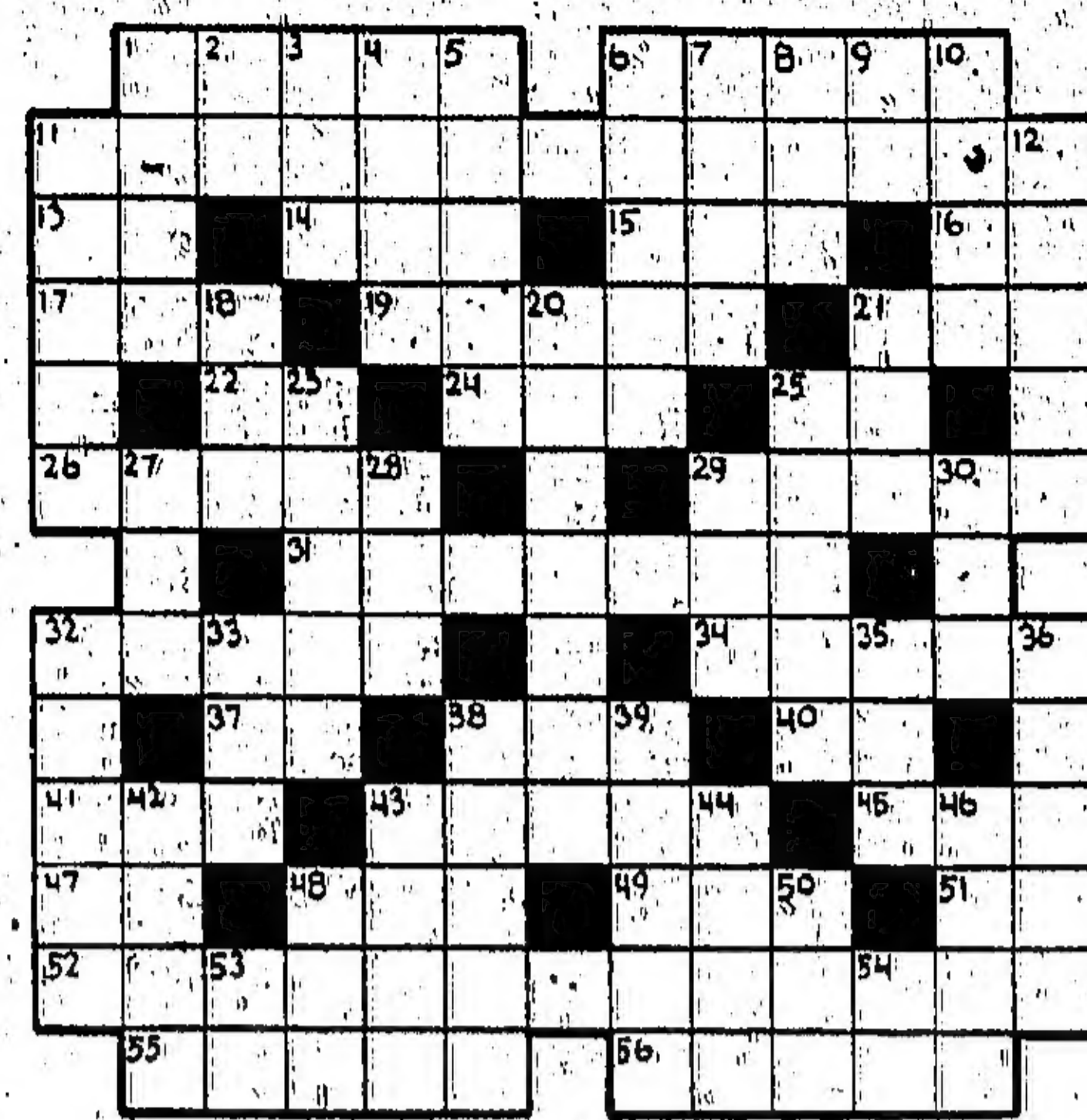
A Great Reception in Paris.

Something like a sensation has been caused by the appearance in the Salle Gaveau of a 10-year-old American violinist with the strange name of Yehudi Menuhin. The musical critics are in agreement in hailing him as an "enfant prodige" and a real virtuoso. Yehudi Menuhin evoked plaudits almost delirious in their expression "Spanish Symphony," the "Scherzo" of Wieniawski, and the sixteenth-century melody of Joseph Achron.

The strange thing about this youthful musical genius is that his parents do not understand music. His father was connected with various schools in San Francisco and the child was taken to concerts. When he was three years old, he expressed a wish to learn to play the violin, and at five he had a master, Mr. Louis Persinger, formerly solo violinist of the Berlin Phil-

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

- 1-Defect
- 2-Dialect
- 3-Argumentative discourse
- 4-For example (Latin-abbrev)
- 5-Self
- 6-Wager
- 7-Thou (pl.)
- 8-A venomous snake
- 9-Biblical city destroyed on account of its wicked people
- 10-Chopping tool
- 11-Armory Corps (abbr.)
- 12-By means of
- 13-Profess meaning
- 14-To beat violently
- 15-To enrolle
- 16-Entertained
- 17-Flock
- 18-Donor
- 19-Right (abbr.)
- 20-Marry
- 21-A college degree (abbr.)

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 22-To flow out
- 23-Loaded
- 24-Horse
- 25-Group of States (abbr.)
- 26-To note down
- 27-Read over
- 28-Pronoun
- 29-Refutation
- 30-Grave; serious
- 31-Yellow part of an egg (pl.)

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 20-Postponed
- 21-To be ill
- 22-French landscape painter
- 23-To darken or obscure
- 24-Pronoun
- 25-River bottom
- 26-Importance
- 27-Reverential fear
- 28-To mingle harmoniously
- 29-Sphere
- 30-Large commercial vehicle
- 31-Bottoms
- 32-Colorless liquid
- 33-Rot
- 34-Insect (pl.)
- 35-A proterozoic, especially globular
- 36-Observe
- 37-Seed of wheat (pl.)
- 38-Small sail on a schooner
- 39-Bathing
- 40-Two letters meaning "all right"

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words start in the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

DOWN	ACROSS	DOWN	ACROSS
1-Defect	1-Defect	1-Defect	1-Defect
2-Dialect	2-Dialect	2-Dialect	2-Dialect
3-Argumentative discourse	3-Argumentative discourse	3-Argumentative discourse	3-Argumentative discourse
4-For example (Latin-abbrev)	4-For example (Latin-abbrev)	4-For example (Latin-abbrev)	4-For example (Latin-abbrev)
5-Self	5-Self	5-Self	5-Self
6-Wager	6-Wager	6-Wager	6-Wager
7-Thou (pl.)	7-Thou (pl.)	7-Thou (pl.)	7-Thou (pl.)
8-A venomous snake	8-A venomous snake	8-A venomous snake	8-A venomous snake
9-Biblical city destroyed on account of its wicked people	9-Biblical city destroyed on account of its wicked people	9-Biblical city destroyed on account of its wicked people	9-Biblical city destroyed on account of its wicked people
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12-By means of	12-By means of	12-By means of	12-By means of
13-Profess meaning	13-Profess meaning	13-Profess meaning	13-Profess meaning
14-To beat violently	14-To beat violently	14-To beat violently	14-To beat violently
15-To enrolle	15-To enrolle	15-To enrolle	15-To enrolle
16-Entertained	16-Entertained	16-Entertained	16-Entertained
17-Flock	17-Flock	17-Flock	17-Flock
18-Donor	18-Donor	18-Donor	18-Donor
19-Right (abbr.)	19-Right (abbr.)	19-Right (abbr.)	19-Right (abbr.)
20-Marry	20-Marry	20-Marry	20-Marry
21-A college degree (abbr.)	21-A college degree (abbr.)	21-A college degree (abbr.)	21-A college degree (abbr.)
22-To flow out	22-To flow out	22-To flow out	22-To flow out
23-Loaded	23-Loaded	23-Loaded	23-Loaded
24-Horse	24-Horse	24-Horse	24-Horse
25-Group of States (abbr.)	25-Group of States (abbr.)	25-Group of States (abbr.)	25-Group of States (abbr.)
26-To note down	26-To note down	26-To note down	26-To note down
27-Read over	27-Read over	27-Read over	27-Read over
28-Pronoun	28-Pronoun	28-Pronoun	28-Pronoun
29-Refutation	29-Refutation	29-Refutation	29-Refutation
30-Grave; serious	30-Grave; serious	30-Grave; serious	30-Grave; serious
31-Yellow part of an egg (pl.)	31-Yellow part of an egg (pl.)	31-Yellow part of an egg (pl.)	31-Yellow part of an egg (pl.)

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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

Chatham Dockyard's quota of discharges for March and April will be 700 men.

Street vendors are not to be allowed in the principal thoroughfares of Oxford between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Representations of the Leasehold Reform Association are to be placed before the Government in connection with forthcoming legislation.

British fishermen are being refused permission to land in Iceland and the Faroe Islands owing to fears that they will spread influenza.

"To be late is unforgivable," said Lord Colwyn, fining himself £5 for being half an hour late in taking the chair at a meeting of the Manchester Children's Hospital.

When James Sharples was remanded at Manchester on a charge of obtaining a guinea by means of a worthless cheque it was stated that there were at least 60 warrants out against him.

Suicide while of Unsound Mind was the verdict at the inquest on Mr. William Alfred Jones, formerly a member of the drapery firm of Jones Brothers, Holloway-road, N., who was found shot dead at Fitzroy Farm, Highgate, N.



A dispute, affecting about 2,500 men, at Risco Colliery Monmouthshire, has been settled.

While dancing in the Wellington rooms, Grimsby, Ruby Lambert, aged 18, collapsed and died in the arms of her partner.

Three horses were burnt to death in a fire which destroyed a stable and hayloft at Low Copple Farm, Upper Hallam, near Sheffield.

Thirty-six cases of small-pox were notified in Sheffield in mail week, compared with an average of 57 for the previous six weeks.

Mrs. Elizabeth Floyd, of Brimadown, Middlesex, who was born at Hockworthy, near Tiverton, North Devon, has celebrated her 101st birthday.

The body of Arthur Wellington, aged 42, an electrician, of Dover, who had been staying with a relative at Margate, and who had been reported missing, was washed up by the sea at Westgate-on-Sea.

The French despatch vessel "Quentin Roosevelt," 610 tons, which is engaged on fishery protection service, is on a visit to London, and is anchored in the Thames near Tower Bridge, where she will remain for about 10 days.

When Arthur Bell was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour for theft from a Notting Hill-gate jeweller's, Miss Turner and Miss Spence, of Linden-gardens, Kensington, W., were thanked for having given the police an exact description of Bell.

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Col. James C. Waddell, of the American prohibition unit, who is organising a school for the training of Government agents in the inspection of breweries and alcohol plants. The course will last about a month and 200 or 300 men will take the studies.

Daniel Ridge, a 17-years-old District Messenger boy, left Waterloo by the "Aquitania" boat train on the way to New York with half a dozen packages of gramophone "master" records for the Beethoven centenary celebrations.

The Rev. Joseph Wellington Hunkin, fellow, dean, and tutor of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, and chaplain to the King, has been appointed rector of St. Andrew with Holy Trinity, Rugby, and Archdeacon of Coventry.

An unknown portrait of the Abbot Huber, by the famous 18th-century French painter Quentin de la Tour, has been secured for the Geneva Museum by its director, M. Gelly, who discovered it at a country house in Switzerland.

"There are too many Civil Servants and to keep them employed, the authorities make them work short hours and do unnecessary things," declared Sir Hugh Bell at the meeting of the Dock and Harbour Authorities' Association in London.

Arrested in the Artists' and Musicians' Club Ham Yard, Great Windmill-street, W., Frederick Ford and Alfred George Chandler were sentenced respectively to 16 months' and 12 months' hard labour for receiving a brooch knowing it to have been stolen.

Among drawings sold at Messrs. Christie's, "Ben Lomond," by Copley Fielding, realised £430 10s. and "The Thames at Twickenham," by P. de Wint, £304 10s.; while Corot's painting on panel "Le Chateau Saint Marie a Cremieu," fetched £304 10s.

When John Mandeville Wilmet, late of Park Mansions, S.W., attended for public examination at the London Bankruptcy Court, he said that in November 1925 he inherited £7,500, the whole of which had disappeared by April 1926. He had spent about £1,000 at one night club.

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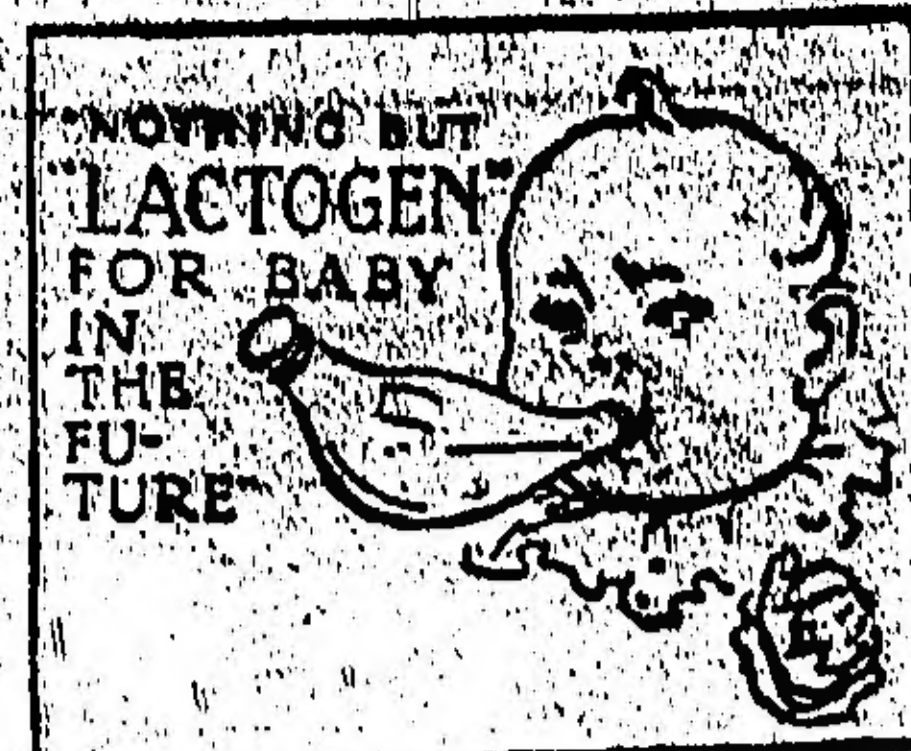


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SUNDAY, APRIL 3	3	
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai	3	Pres. Jackson.
MONDAY, APRIL 4	4	
Australia & Manila	4	Arafura.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	FRIDAY, MARCH 25	Per
Amoy	25	Kutsang 5 p.m.
Manila	26	Eelbeck 9 a.m.
Amoy	26	Tilleboet 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai & Japan	26	Emil Kirdar 12.30 p.m.
Wei Hai Wei, Tientsin & Europe via Siberia	26	Kueichow 2.30 p.m.
Saigon	26	Ponglee 3.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 24th April. Registration 2.45 p.m. Letters 3.30 p.m.	26	Haruna Maru.
Straits and Calcutta. Parcels 3 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.	26	Fook Sang 5 p.m.
Amoy	26	Antung 5 p.m.
Japan	26	Teesta 5 p.m.
SUNDAY, MARCH 27	27	
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	27	Hozar Maru 8.30 a.m.
*Swatow & Bangkok	27	Kwangchow 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai	27	Gogra 9 a.m.
TUESDAY, MARCH 29	29	
Straits & Calcutta	29	Bingo Maru 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai & Japan	29	Amazon 12.30 p.m.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 29th April. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.	29	Paul Locat. 5 p.m.
Swatow	29	Kwongsang 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30	30	
Swatow, Amoy & Poochow	30	Hai Ching 1 p.m.
Manila, Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & E. America & Europe via Vancouver B.C.—due Vancouver B.C. 17th April. Parcels noon. Registration 2.15 p.m. Letters 3 p.m.	30	Empress of Canada.

*Corrected names bearing vessel's name only.

OFFICIAL SECRETS.

Ex-Naval Officers In Court.

MISSING PLANS CHARGE.

London, March 24.

Colin Mayers was remanded at Bow Street to-day until April 2, bail again being refused.
Mr. Eustace Fulton, opening the case for the prosecution, said the defendant was alleged to have infringed the Official Secrets Act by retaining in his possession a number of plans relating to Submarines X1 and O1 entrusted to him by his chief officer, the Commander of H.M.S. "Dolphin".
Defendant was instructional officer and senior submarine officer at Gosport and Commander of Submarine M2. He retired on January 26 and entered the employment of Vickers, Barrow-in-Furness. Subsequently a number of plans issued to him were found to be missing.—Reuter.

Bow Street was crowded on March 17 for the opening of the case which a detective described as being of "extreme gravity." The detective, speaking in a whisper, asked for a remand, as considerable technical evidence had to be examined. Mayers's counsel asked for bail. He declared Mayers occupied a highly responsible position. The police opposed bail, and the magistrate remanded Mayers in custody for a week.

According to the newspapers, Mayers was born in British Guiana, served in the submarine section, and retired on his own request a few months ago.

200 MILES AN HOUR.

ENGLISH RACING MOTORISTS' ATTEMPT IN AMERICA.

New York, March 24.
Failing to find a track in England deemed suitable for speeding at 200 miles an hour, Major Segrave has brought his 1,000 horse-power Sunbeam car to attempt to attain his aim on the Ocean speedway course. A preliminary warming-up established a new American record of 166 1/2 miles an hour.—Reuter's American Service.

LIBERAL VICTORY.

RESULT OF THE LEITH BY-ELECTION.

London, March 24.
The by-election at Leith to replace Capt. Wedgwood Benn, who resigned on joining the Labour Party, resulted as follows:—
Mr. Ernest Brown (Liberal) 12,461
Mr. R. F. Wilson (Labour) 12,360
Mr. Beaton (Conservative) 4,607
—Reuter.

When Leith, which has 22,459 men electors and 17,021 women electors, was fought in the last general election the poll resulted as follows:—
Capt. Wedgwood Benn, (Liberal) 16,569
Mr. R. F. Wilson (Labour) 11,250

BALKANS TROUBLE.

BRITAIN PACIFICS BOTH SIDES.

Rugby, March 24.
Replying to a question in the House of Commons, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, said the desire of His Majesty's Government being to remove so far as it could any causes of friction which might exist between Jugoslavia and the Italian Government on the subject of Albania, we had counselled moderation and conciliation both at Belgrade and Rome, and to the representatives of both governments in London.—British Wireless Service.

FIREMAN'S OPTIM.

The No. 1 Fireman of the s.s. "Apocry" was yesterday arrested by Revenue Officers for the unlawful possession of 149 tins of non-Government opium, worth \$1,288. He was allowed personal bail in the sum of \$500.
This morning he failed to appear when the case was called, before Mr. Lindell. The bail was arrested and the opium confiscated.

"H.M.S. PINAFORE."

TO BE STAGED HERE NEXT WEEK.

LOCAL AMATEUR ENTERPRISE.

A love story, a boatswain who tells the crew that he is shocked, a crew that is terribly upset when the captain says "Dumma," a first lord's ideas of every man's equality, except as regards himself, a plot in which Gilbert's well tried motif of the substituted child is exploited, combined with Sullivan's entrancing music—such is the mixture which comprises "H.M.S. Pinafore," which the Hong Kong Philharmonic Society produce next week.

The story of the opera is that Ralph Rackstraw, a first-mate hand, loves the captain's daughter, but gives up the quest as hopeless until inspired by the First Lord's ideas of equality. Backed up by the crew, he determines to approach Josephine. This he does, but is repelled. When he threatens to himself, he is stopped at the last moment by Josephine, who tells him that she loves him.

An elopement is arranged, but the Captain is informed by Dick Deadeye, and stops the happy pair as they are about to leave the ship.

Sir Joseph appears on deck just in time to hear the Captain swearing to his cabin in disgrace, and then finding that his proposed fiancée is in love with Ralph, orders the latter to the ship's dungeon. Little Buttercup, however, spoils all this by stating, as a baby farmer she changed the Captain and Ralph over in babyhood, and that the Captain is Ralph, and Ralph is the Captain. The First Lord takes Cousin Hebe, the Captain takes Buttercup, Ralph galas his love, and all ends happily.

The part of Sir Joseph Porter is taken by Mr. A. J. Brock, who will be remembered for his excellent presentation of the Lord Chancellor in "The Pirates of Penzance," while Mr. R. M. Keown as Capt. Corcoran, Ralph is taken by a well-tried favourite in Mr. D. M. Richards, and newcomers in Mr. C. P. Marcel, Rev. N. V. Harward, and Mr. R. Dormer play Dick Deadeye, the Boatswain's Mate, and the Carpenter's Mate respectively. The busy little Middy is portrayed by Teddy Bullock, who is following in his father's footsteps, while the part of Josephine is taken by Mrs. C. P. Marcel, a soprano who has not hitherto been heard in the Colony.

Mrs. J. Hollidge as Cousin Hebe has a small but effective part, while Mrs. C. Watt's splendid contralto voice is heard to full advantage as Mrs. Cripps, or Little Buttercup, the Portsmouth Bumboat Woman.
The Opera is to be produced on Friday April 1, and for five performances after concluding on Saturday, April 9, including a Matinee on Wednesday, April 6, at which children are admitted half-price to all seats.

Booking plans are now open at Anderson's Music Store, and judging by the experience of the "Pirates," when all seats for the first two performances were booked up some days beforehand, our readers should lose no time in wending their way thither. Prices are at popular rates, soldiers and sailors in uniform being admitted to the \$1 and \$2 seats at half-price.

Said to have been doing good business in firewood which she cut from Government plantation, a Wanchai woman was this morning fined \$100 or six weeks' hard labour by Mr. R. E. Lindell.

TREATY REJECTED.

HOLLAND AND BELGIUM DIFFER.

TWO PORTS' RIVAL CLAIMS.

The Hague, March 24.

The First Chamber by 33 votes to 17 votes rejected the Belgo-Dutch treaty already ratified by both Chambers of the Belgian Parliament and the Dutch Second Chamber.

The treaty inter alia gave the port of Antwerp certain advantages on the Scheldt, which aroused keen opposition in Holland, where it is feared that the trade of Rotterdam might be adversely affected.

Messages from Brussels say that a semi-official statement deplores the decision which will make impossible the development on collaboration of Holland with Belgium in international affairs.

The statement says Belgium will insist on satisfaction of her legitimate claims.—Reuter.

200 YEARS' LINK.

HONOUR FOR THE FOREIGN SECRETARY.

Rugby, March 24.

A portrait of Sir Austen Chamberlain, the Foreign Secretary pointed by Isaac Corden for the Cordwainers Company, with which Sir Austen Chamberlain's family have been associated for practically two centuries, was presented by the Prime Minister in the Cordwainers Hall.

Mr. Baldwin paid a tribute to the work of Sir Austen Chamberlain as Foreign Secretary. He said Sir Austen Chamberlain had been privileged to do the greatest work for his country, and as Foreign Minister, he would be remembered for many generations to come.

Mr. Baldwin concluded by testifying to the great work of Sir Austen Chamberlain at the League of Nations.—British Wireless Service.

Burglars who concealed themselves in the Vienna University building during the day forced three safes at their leisure during the night and stole the gold chain presented by the Emperor Francis Joseph for use by the rector on ceremonial occasions, and other valuable jewellery. Three men were observed leaving by a window at four o'clock in the morning, and one of them was arrested by a gendarme, but his accomplices escaped with the booty.

NOTICE.

NAVY LEAGUE.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above will be held on TUESDAY, 29th instant at 5.30 p.m. in the Board-room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. (by kind permission) for the following purposes:—
(1)—To receive the Report of the Committee and Statement of Accounts for the Past Year.
(2)—To elect the Officers and Committee for the Ensuing Year.
(3)—To transact any other Business of which due Notice has been given.
All Members are requested to attend.
L. M. WHYTE,
Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, 23rd March, 1927.

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E. Y. JESSEN,
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Hong Kong Station, Mar. 24, 1927.

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Jaguar, from Batavia.
Underwriters, from Shanghai.
E. A. LEGGATT,
Superintendent.
Hong Kong, 24th March 1927.

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